



Minlaton District School

'By Deeds Not Words'

Newsletter 1

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Celebrating 30 Years 1992-2022

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DIARY DATES

FEB 2022

Fortnightly Feature

February
2nd - First Day of Term 1

NEW FACES 2022



Zoe Gerasimopoulos
(Miss G) - R/1 Teacher



About Me

I grew up in Adelaide and knew from a young age I wanted to be a teacher! Growing up I was involved in various choirs and have always had a passion for the Performing Arts. I was honoured to be in the Australian Girls Choir and enjoyed the many amazing opportunities that this brought. After studying a Bachelor of Education and Arts at Flinders University I moved to Darwin where I taught in 2019. This was an incredible learning opportunity for me and I gained valuable knowledge from this experience. I moved to the Yorke Peninsula in 2020 where I taught at Stansbury Primary School. I have loved living by the beach and exploring all the wonderful places the Peninsula has to offer. I'm excited to embrace all the wonderful opportunities MDS has to offer and am looking forward to the year ahead.

Stephen Talbot - Middle
School Coordinator

About Me

I grew up Maitland as a child and have worked at Yorketown Area School for the last 9 years but returning to the Yorke Peninsula as an adult was not my preference, and being a teacher was not a life ambition. In my early twenties my aim was to become a plant breeder, developing wheat varieties for farmers to grow and feed the world. I thought it was a noble cause. With lots of drive I worked hard to complete my graduate studies and was fortunate to be awarded a prestigious industry grant. Having, at the time, the largest student crop trial ever I though life was going my way. But I failed. I failed to write-up my research articles to an international standard due to my dyslexia, I failed to comprehend the complex modelling to interpret my results, and after 6 years of study I didn't earn my PhD. This greatly reduced my career prospects to become a plant breeder; I was heartbroken. Most adults have a story about something they've worked hard at that just hasn't ended as intend. However, the same adults would recognise the value in learning from these experiences, these 'failures', because they improve resilience and problem-solving abilities. Without my failure I wouldn't have been invited to work for the University of Adelaide's Education Program (Get into Genes), secure a job with CSIRO Education and gone on to be a teacher to help students to become diesel mechanics, vets, paramedics and more. I hope during my time at MDS I get to see lots of students fail in their own way, not from apathy, but from working hard and extending themselves. Because it's in these moments their resilience and problem-solving abilities will grow, ready for the next challenge.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



A MESSAGE FROM ALI

Hello everyone and welcome to the 2022 school year. I will keep this short as you have all heard enough times from me in the last fortnight already, but I can't begin to tell you how good it is to see many of our students here at school, and be on the receiving end of connections from those of you engaging in remote learning from home.

I particularly want to welcome new members of the MDS family including two new staff members, Stephen and Zoe, and many new students from reception to Year 12. While this is not the start to the year that any of us had hoped for I am grateful that our students are showing great resilience in the face of a very different learning landscape and our parents are so flexible and willing to work alongside us so positively.

We had a messy start yesterday with a number of issues with BYO laptops, but most of these have been resolved and we are expecting an IT guru (without L plates like me) to be here tomorrow, Friday, to sort out any issues that we haven't been able to fix. Like our students, staff are also showing great resilience and a huge amount of 'we can do this' attitude, and as ever, I am so proud of our team here at MDS.

Many of our normal activities for the first part of Term 1 have been postponed, so our calendar is looking a little bereft at present. I hope that we have greater certainty about what the future holds when we publish our next newsletter and can begin to enjoy some extra-curricular activities both within and outside school.



'A winner is a Dreamer who never gives up'



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A MESSAGE FROM ALI

I need to remind everyone that we are being ever vigilant around our Covid protocols. We are in new territory this year as it is very clear that there are current cases in our local community. Please let us know as soon as you can if you or your family are personally impacted, either through a positive Covid result requiring quarantine, or through being close contacts and requiring isolation. Our response as a school will vary depending on the information that you provide us so it is important that we receive your advice promptly and with sufficient detail for appropriate action. I am required to provide information about attendance, either face to face or remotely each day by 10am, and am asked whether any students or staff are absent due to Covid related reasons, so your prompt provision of this information is appreciated.

If we have concerns about a child/student who is attending school but showing any Covid related symptoms, please understand that we will adopt a very cautious approach and seek your support to immediately come and take the child home while they are symptomatic. We ask that you also adopt this approach and keep students away from school if they have any symptoms.

Thank you to parents for your understanding that we are attempting to reduce the number of adults entering the site and instead, doing a drop off and pick up at the school gate. For those who need to access either the Finance or Front Office, please continue to use the QR check in, hand sanitiser and wear a face-mask.

I have my fingers and toes crossed that we are going to be able to get back to 'normal' soon.

As promised - short and sweet - until next time...

Ali

A note from the Business Manager, Zoe

2022 WINTER JACKETS

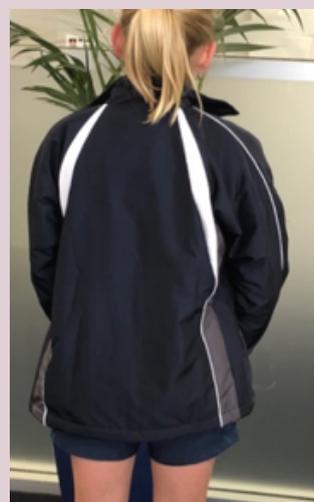
Price to be confirmed
(approx. \$65.00inc GST)

The 2022 order for school jackets will be placed on Tuesday 15th February 2022 (Week 3 Term 1). As we are unable to carry surplus stock, we require an expression of interest to enable us to order a realistic number and appropriate sizes.

Placing the order at the start of Week 3 will ensure delivery in time for the cooler weather.

If you require jackets for your children please complete the request form below alternatively send me an email with your order zoe.weir991@schools.sa.edu.au I do have some here to try on so you order the perfect fit for your children. Unfortunately, if not requested now, you will miss out & have to wait until 2023.

Zoe Weir
Business Manager



2022 WINTER JACKETS REQUEST FORM

Sizes: 6 8 10 12 14 16 S M L XL XXL XXXL

Student Name	Size	Quantity

Please complete and return to Zoe in the Finance Office or send an email with order *no later than Monday 14th February 2021.*
Zoe.weir991@schools.sa.edu.au



WE WANT YOU



U11, U14, U17 & Senior females



BUTE
Scott Brown
0438387117



CYC COUGARS
Gavin Moore
0435189511



CMS CROWS
Megan Wildash
0411871755



KADINA
Matt Bodie
0402659579



MOONTA
Mark Durdin
0416436872



**SOUTHERN
EAGLES**
Tyson Matthias
0411424458



WALLAROO
Tom Nolan
0418 814 692



YPFLW
Expression of Interest

The YPFLW is looking for females to participate in local football in 2022!

U11, U14, U17 age groups



Scan QR code to register!