



## Diary Dates

### April

- 28<sup>th</sup> SYP SAPSASA Cross Country @ YAS
- 29<sup>th</sup> Year 10 Immunisations
- 30<sup>th</sup> Gum Flat Community Forum

### May

- 4<sup>th</sup> Paul Rutter Drawing Workshops (Years 2 – 8)
- 6<sup>th</sup> 8/9 Football Carnival – Maitland
- Primary Football Clinic – MDS
- 7<sup>th</sup> Year 11/12 Careers Expo - Adelaide

**Remember: Canteen lunch service Wed – Fri only.  
See WINTER MENU on last page.**

Welcome to Term 2. While you have all been enjoying some much needed time with family and friends, things have been quietly rolling along here at MDS and we are ready and raring to go for another term of great learning.

Our gym renovation is almost complete, with final touches underway this week and next, to install operable basketball backboards and the audio visual equipment. Some minor jobs including returfing the entrance to the store, some paint touching up and designing and installing some further storage and display solutions into the new space will occur over coming weeks, but we hope to take possession and be using the gym by Week 4. I've included a few more progress photos below, but they really don't do justice to the space and I'm sure students, staff and our parents will be delighted with the final result. This has been our second project with Gawler Carpentry and Joiners, and our fourth major project with Shannon Architects. How fortunate we have been in dealing with both of these companies in bringing our vision for quality learning environments for our school community to fruition, they have been wonderful to work with and we thank them sincerely for their commitment to our school.



New Front Entrance



Lined wall and ceiling and a fresh coat of paint!

On the final day of last term the Year 10 class assisted in moving their classroom into their refurbished space under the main building roof. We have opened up two rooms with glass sliding doors between and given the area a fresh coat of paint and new carpet. This not only brings the Year 10 group back into closer proximity to the Senior building, but returns the STEAMroom for use by classes for activity, music, dance, drama and presentations. I'm sure the Year 10s will enjoy their new spacious surrounds, and with the gym shortly coming back on stream, we will now all enjoy being able to use our spaces more flexibly.

Over the final days of term one I was at last able to catch up with most of our primary readers and acknowledge their daily home reading as recorded in their reading logs/diaries. I'm always thrilled to see our children engaging in reading and the crocodiles in my cupboard can't wait to be placed in the hands of our milestone readers sometime early in term 2. While we don't yet have any children who have reached a crocodile worthy 100 reading nights' milestone, there were a number very close to 75 nights at the end of term 1 and I'm sure those totals will have grown over the holidays. I look forward to celebrating reading milestones with you all in future newsletters.

I had the pleasure of accompanying our six student leaders at the Minlaton Anzac Day Dawn Service in the Main Street of Minlaton. It was good to be able to join a mass commemoration after the Covid restrictions of 2020 and those in attendance appreciated the opportunity to remember all those who have sacrificed through service to our country in order to allow us to enjoy the freedoms we do today. It is fitting that we honour not only those who have lost lives, but those whose lives have been impacted through their service, or the service of their loved ones. While Anzac Day initially honoured those who served in the Gallipoli campaign in the First World War, it is now an occasion that broadly commemorates all those who have served in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations and recognises that for many, the scars of service remain. It was wonderful to see not only our student leaders at Sunday's service, but also many of our students with their families.

Lest We Forget.



**CMS CROWS TRAINING – WE REGRET THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE BUS PASSES FOR STUDENTS TO TRAVEL TO CURRAMULKA FOR FOOTBALL OR NETBALL TRAINING THIS TERM. PLEASE MAKE ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR CHILD/REN.**

## Middle School Report

Craig Fitzgerald/Josh Coombe, Middle School Coordinators

Welcome back for Term 2, we hope you all had an enjoyable holiday period with your family.

On the final day of last term, we acknowledged the winners of the Term 1 Middle School Incentive Scheme. The program exists to reward students who strive to develop and improve their academic and school community output, set learning goals, strive to reach them and generally 'step up' within their learning. They also develop initiative, higher order thinking, critical thinking and develop the good study habits for approaching senior years and be more engaged in the school community. Students are allocated points by teachers based on the above criteria. The top five point scorers in each class were rewarded with a canteen voucher for their efforts. Congratulations to Amber Borgmeyer, Anais Glazbrook, Maggie Walsh, Hamish Coombe, Dakota Jones, Eleanor Brown, Natalie Horn, Khiana Gates, Alice Polkinghorne, Axyl Williams, Lucy Mahar, Layla Walsh, Joe Rothe, Freddie Wilson and Madi-Lee Ryan for being the worthy recipients for Term 1.

Student scoring for the Middle School Incentive Scheme has started again this term, so we look forward to students embracing their learning opportunities and going above and beyond in the school environment.



We are looking forward to another great term. 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](mailto:Josh.Coombe430@schools.sa.edu.au) and [Craig.Fitzgerald239@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Craig.Fitzgerald239@schools.sa.edu.au)

### SA Track and Field Championships

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April, Yorke Peninsula participated in the SA Secondary Track and Field Championships at Mile End. The side included students from Minlaton, Yorketown, Maitland Lutheran, Central Yorke, Ardrossan, Harvest and Port Broughton. Students were selected based on their results at the Yorke Peninsula Secondary Schools Athletics Carnival at Moonta earlier in Term 1. Minlaton had 7 students involved in the event including Jonny Wimpenny, McCoy Harper-Zerna, Archie Campion, Jess Farrow, Mia Longbottom, Shineah Goody and Luke Horn.

There were some great performances from all athletes with the following outstanding MDS results:

#### First place

Archie Campion – Open Boys Discus

McCoy Harper-Zerna – U16 Boys Triple Jump

Jess Farron – U16 Girls Discus

Shineah Goody – U16 Girls High Jump

#### Second Place

Luke Horn – U15 Girls Long Jump

Shineah Goody – U16 Girls Triple Jump and U16 Girls Long Jump

The Yorke Peninsula team had a great day overall, finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> position for the division. The team will now move up into C1 Division for the 2022 event. Well done to all MDS students for their involvement in the team and their excellent performances on the day.



### **From the Business Manager**

Hope you all have enjoyed the school holidays and spent some quality time with your loved ones.

During the holidays I sent out updated statements to all families. Please attend to these as soon as you can.

In regards to Student Device Instalments, please note I have tried to highlight or write the amount that is due in 2021.

A reminder to apply for School Card ASAP. Families need to apply annually for School Card and the application is now all online and very simple. I'm happy to complete it with you if you don't have access to a computer, or would like assistance. Please make a time to come in and see me. There are two more Centrelink audits left for the year, if you think you're eligible then get those applications in before it's too late.

Calculator Hire, for families who have senior students and have hired graphic calculators for the year and have not paid the \$130 hire fee, please have this paid or set up a payment plan, otherwise please return the calculator.

If you would like to set up a payment plan for a certain amount each week or fortnight to pay off any invoices (I don't mind how small or big they are) then please come in and see me, the sooner you start the plan the sooner you will have the amount all paid off.

I'm happy to work with all families, please don't ever feel like you're alone, we can work out a plan together that will suit you and your family's needs.

Please come and see me in the book room to discuss any finance matters, school card applications, to purchase uniforms and/or stationery.

School Bank details to set up payments:

BSB: 015642

ACC: 217331388

Look forward to seeing you. Zoe 😊

### **Canteen News**

As you will be aware, Terri Theil has taken over the management of the canteen and will be working Wednesday through to Friday each week. This means that the canteen will no longer be preparing lunch orders on Mondays or Tuesdays. Terri will be incorporating some work with students in the Primary gardens on the days she is here to show the connection between growing, harvesting and cooking.

We have established a roster of volunteers who would be prepared to support us by selling drinks, ice-creams and packaged snacks at recess or lunch on Mondays and Tuesdays when Terri is not available. If we get enough volunteers, you may only need to be rostered once or twice per term. It's a 30 minute stint either 10.30 – 11 or 12.40 -1.10. If you can spare the time we'd really appreciate your support. Huge thanks to Kristen Wilson and Lee Blyth who did our Tuesday recess this week and to the staff who have already volunteered their time over the coming term. A few more helpers would really help us out.

### **RELIEF BUS DRIVER REQUIRED**

We are looking for a qualified driver who would be able to drive the Pt Julia bus at short notice when our regular driver is unavailable.

If you think this might be you and have the appropriate qualifications – please contact Shan in the Front Office to register your interest.

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## Senior School Report

Glen White, Senior School Coordinator

Welcome back to everyone for what should be an exciting Term 2 in the Senior School!

Coming home shortly for Year 10 and 11 students will be information about student led Learning Conversations, which will happen in the next couple of weeks and it would be fantastic to see as many students and their families as possible participate in these valuable, student led discussions about their learning. Bookings will be able to be made via the school website. All information regarding dates and times will be included in the letter which will come home on Thursday this week.

Year 12 students are ramping up their workloads as the Research Project due date is approaching. All school assessed components are due on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of May (Week 3), with the External Assessment due on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June. The students this year have picked some incredible topics and we will do a feature on some of these later in the term.

### **Work Experience, Semester 1 2021.**

Work Experience is a valuable learning opportunity, which allows students to sample different career paths and occupations to assist with future planning and course counselling, gain exposure to the demands of full time employment, develop their employability skills, and potentially to make some links which may lead to future work options. It is a very important part of the school program here at MDS, with Year 10 and 11 students having compulsory blocks of time allocated to it in our yearly calendar. Year 12 students who are studying Workplace Practices will also do it as a course requirement and all Year 12 students have the option of doing Work Experience although in most cases for Year 12s this must be done during school holiday time. VET and School Based Apprentices/Trainees all have Work Placements as a requirement of their studies.

Year 10 students will have a compulsory Work Experience week in Week 9 of Term 2, from the 21<sup>st</sup> of June until 25<sup>th</sup> of June this year. Guidelines about the process were provided to students this week. Whilst this may seem a fair way off at the moment, it would really pay for students to get in early and find themselves a placement (either locally or further afield) in an area of interest. Leaving it until the last minute often means students are left with few viable choices. It is also important to note that this is a student driven process; students should be making phone calls and following things up, not parents. All students will be required to undertake a DfE Workplace Preparation module prior to undertaking any Work Experience; this entails a number of online activities which cover Workplace Health & Safety, Equal Opportunity & Discrimination, Worker Rights & Responsibilities and other pre-Work Experience preparatory activities. Workplace Learning Agreement forms and other required forms are available from my office and must be fully completed by all parties prior to the placement beginning. In fact, for this mid-year Work Experience week, placements must be organised and all relevant forms completed and returned to me here at school no later than 9am Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June (Week 6, Term 2). Students who do not meet this deadline will not be able to undertake a placement this semester; they will be required to attend school during that week and will carry out an alternate program focussed on learning about the world of work. Year 11 students will have the opportunity to undertake a Work Experience in Semester 2.

### **Careers Week 2020**

Forward notice: In Week 5 of Term 3 (16-20 August) is the Year 10 Careers Week. We have some very exciting visits planned, with many already booked and confirmed. More information (including a pre-trip information session early in Term 3) will follow shortly, but parents and students may want to begin sorting out accommodation.

I'm looking forward to a fantastic Term, and you should be too. 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](mailto:glen.white872@schools.sa.edu.au)

## Term 1 Learning Expo Paparazzi Gallery



Thanks for coming everyone – we hope you enjoyed the afternoon!



**TWO AGE GROUPS**

**UNDER 17 AGES  
MUST BE TURNING  
15, 16, OR 17  
IN 2021**

**UNDER 14 AGES  
MUST BE TURNING  
12, 13, OR 14  
IN 2021**

TRAINING WILL BE AT  
MAITLAND OVAL @  
5:30PM ON  
WEDNESDAYS, 1<sup>ST</sup>  
TRAINING MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

SINCE THE YPFLW STARTED IN  
2018 THERE HAVE BEEN 6  
GIRLS THAT HAVE PLAYED IN  
THE SNOWTOWN CARNIVAL  
WHO HAVE TRIED OUT FOR  
THE EAGLES AND BEEN  
SUCCESSFUL... WILL YOU  
BE NEXT?

# SPORTSPOWER CUP

## SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2021

### FEMALE PLAYERS REQUIRED

The Sportspower Cup is a one-day carnival for female footballers. We are once again looking for female players to play in this carnival. This is a great opportunity for girls under the age of 17 to represent the Yorke Peninsula, to have some fun with like-minded girls, and skill level is not an issue.

**FOR FURTHER  
INFORMATION AND TO  
REGISTER YOUR  
INTEREST CONTACT:**

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Email –  
sbrown3839@yahoo.com  
or  
Mobile - 0438387117



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## STUDENT CHALLENGE

### Want to experience hands-on conservation?

Imagine spending a week in an amazing location with students from all over Australia exploring solutions for a more sustainable relationship with our environment. Student Challenge is a unique, once in a lifetime opportunity for a select number of Year 10 -12 students to experience environmental research first hand. No prior experience is necessary. Working with leading scientists, you will be trained in many aspects of scientific field work and gain valuable insights into conservation research.

### About Earthwatch

Earthwatch's mission is to empower people to save the natural world as we strive to create a society that lives in balance with nature.

Earthwatch expeditions are a great way to learn through experience while being immersed in nature and making lifelong friends.



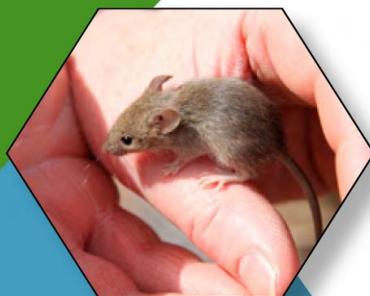
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## ELIGIBILITY

Earthwatch Student Challenge fellowships are available if:

- you are in year 10, 11 or 12 in the year of the expedition
- you attend a South Australian Government school



“ I loved this experience so much! it has definitely given me an insight into work and research in the field and opened up more opportunities that i can pursue.  
2019 participant ”



## HOW TO APPLY

Click [here](#) to complete the application form, email a written reference from your teacher or principal to [studentchallenge@earthwatch.org.au](mailto:studentchallenge@earthwatch.org.au)

Numbers are strictly limited.

**Applications close 28 May 2021**

**ARE YOU READY FOR A STUDENT CHALLENGE? UP FOR AN ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME?**

**For successful applicants the fellowship covers:**

- Flights and airport transfers
- All meals
- Accommodation
- Field transport
- Research equipment
- Insurance
- Access to Earthwatch educational and professional resources



### ECOSYSTEMS OF THE MURRAY RIVER AND MALLEE

Join scientists at Calperum Station to help increase understanding of the boom and bust cycle of plants and animals in the semi-arid zone on the banks of the mighty Murray River. Learn about the recovery process of ecosystems after 150 years of cattle grazing and how this information can be used to help restore land elsewhere and prepare for the challenges of climate change.

The findings of your research will help the Australian Landscape Trust, who own and manage Calperum and Taylorville Stations, to better design and implement management and restoration programs for the Stations.

#### ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE

- Small mammal and reptile trapping
- Vegetation studies and surveys of habitat characteristics
- Wetland and water surveys
- Grazing pressure surveys
- Tree health assessments

#### DATES

26 September - 2 October 2021

#### ACCOMMODATION

Dormitory style with shared rooms and separate toilet block

#### LOCATION

Calperum Station, Murray River, north of Renmark, SA



“ I feel very lucky to have been able to go on this expedition with such knowledgeable scientists and like minded students. The experience has heightened my love for fieldwork and allowed me to explore this career path.  
2019 Participant ”

“ It made me become 110% sure that I want to study environmental science at university!  
2019 participant ”

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## MDS Winter Menu 2021

Available to order Wednesday to Friday! No cash? Why not order on the QKR! App.

Specials will be uploaded to QKR!

Each day we will have a selection of baked items & snacks available to purchase over the counter until sold out.

### Snacks

Deli chips- Honey Soy or Sea Salt	2.5
Grainwaves - Sour Cream and Chives	2.5
Corntos - BBQ or Cheese	1.5
Zooper Dooper	1
Juicie – Wildberry, Tropical or Apple	
Blackcurrant	1.5
Moosie- Choc, Strawberry or Bluemoon	2
Everest Vanilla Dixie Cup	2

### Drinks

Water 600ml	2
250ml Nippy's juice box - Apple or Apple/Blackcurrant	2.5
250ml Nippy's Milk Box – Choc, Honeycomb or Strawberry	2.5
250ml Up n Go – Banana, Choc or Vanilla	3.5

### Sides

Potato gems x10	1
Garlic bread	2.5

### Wednesday is Hotdog Day

Hotdog with sauce	4
Hotdog with cheese and sauce	4.5
Deluxe hotdog – Bacon, Cheese & Sauce	5

### Sandwiches, Rolls or Wraps

*no cost for Tomato, BBQ, Sweet Chili Sauce, Mustard, or Mayo*

	SW	ROLL	WRAP
Ham or Chicken	4.0	4.5	5
Cheese or Egg	3.5	3.5	4
Extra: egg or feta	1	1	1
Extra: tomato, cucumber, lettuce, carrot, gherkins, pickled onion, spinach or cheese	.50	.50	.50
Toasted:	.50	.50	.50

### Lunches

Chicken & Gravy Roll	7
Chicken Chilli Sub - baked chicken tenders, lettuce and chilli sauce	7
- add salad	1.5
- add cheese	.50
Homemade Pizzas	
- Ham & Cheese	4
- Ham, cheese & pineapple	4.5
- Supreme: salami, capsicum, mushrooms, bacon & onion	5
Dino Snacks x5 with side salad	5
- Sauce .30	
Pasta Bake of the week	
- Small Serve	4
- Large Serve	7
Soup of the week & Bread roll <i>(also available at recess, until sold out)</i>	
- Small	3
- Large	4
Baked Spud Chunks <i>Garden grown potatoes (when available) with choice of toppings</i>	
- Cheese	5
- Ham & Cheese	6
- Napolitana Sauce & Cheese	7
- Bolognaise Sauce & Cheese	7

### Salads or Wraps

Chicken Caesar Salad/Wrap chicken pieces with lettuce, bacon, egg, parmesan cheese and crispy croutons with creamy Caesar dressing	7.5
Yiros Bowl/Wrap seasoned lamb on a bed of fresh lettuce with tomato, cucumber, red onion and tzatziki	7.5
Burrito Bowl/Wrap freshly made salsa, beans, corn, guacamole and sour cream on a bed of brown rice and quinoa	7.5



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- Order and pay for your child's lunches, reducing the need to bring cash to school;
- Pay for school fees, uniforms, excursions and more;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.



Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

### Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app



### Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

### Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of the school, or search for our school by name.

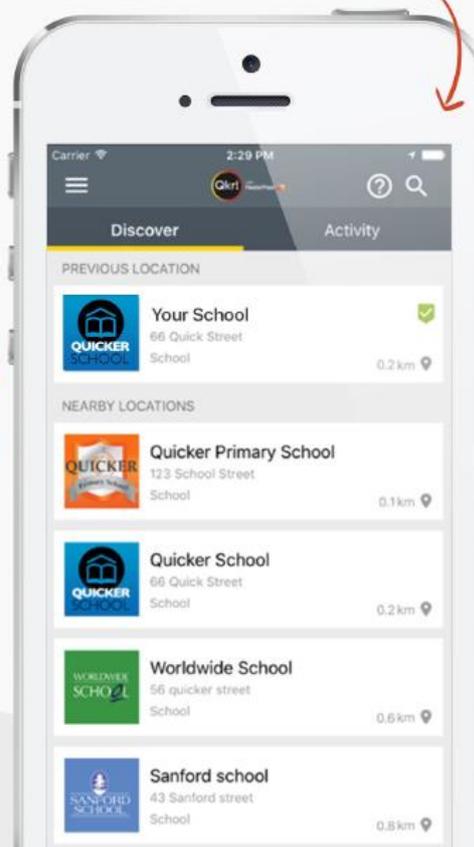
### Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

Search for our school name

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'





### Add your children's details in Student Profiles

Select 'Add student profile'



Add each child's details



Manage each child's details in Student Profiles

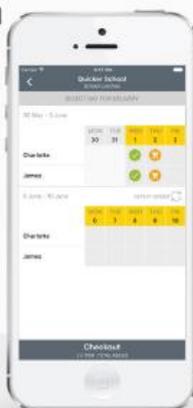


### Order meals

Select a menu from our canteen

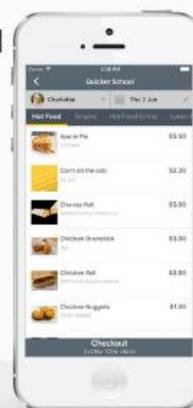


Tap the green tick to view your receipt or to cancel an order



Select a date for a child and order a meal

Tap 'Repeat order' to copy all paid orders from one week to the next



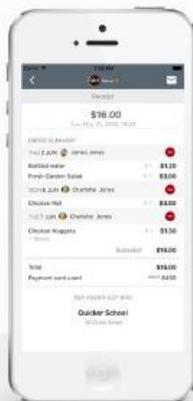
Tap to change the child you are ordering for

Tap to change the date you are ordering for

Tap 'Checkout' then confirm and pay

### Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.