



DIARY DATES

FEB / MARCH 2022

Fortnightly Feature

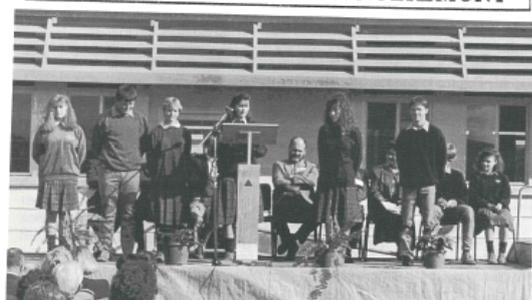
MINLATON DISTRICT SCHOOL CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

The official opening of Minlaton District School was held on Friday, 8th of May, 1992. Official guests included the Hon. Greg Crafter, Minister of Education; Federal Member for Wakefield, Mr Neil Andrew; Member for Goyder, Mr John Meir; and acting Director for Western Area, Dr Marelle Harisun.

School Captains, Kelly Parsons and Gavin Moore.
School Council Chairman, John Pointon
Principal, Mr John Byrnes



OFFICIAL SCHOOL OPENING CEREMONY



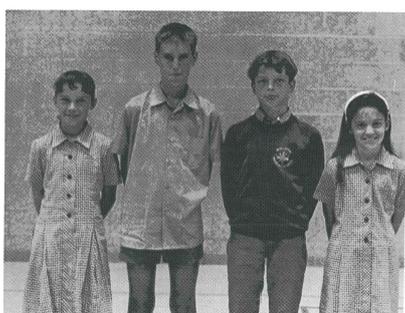
SCHOOL LEADERS

Secondary School Captains : Kelly Parsons Gavin Moore (Justin Thompson)

Vice Captains : Belinda Longbottom Greg Borgmeyer (Gavin Moore)

Primary School Captains : Sally Kidd Ryan Watters

Vice Captains : Kate Martin Damien Polkinghorne



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



A MESSAGE FROM ALI

Did you know that 2022 marks the 30th birthday of Minlaton District School? Our school was formed through the amalgamation of the Minlaton Primary and High Schools, and this year we intend to celebrate the occasion by highlighting a number of our former students in a regular, "where are they now?" section. I hope you enjoy these snippets about our former students and if you can put us in touch with any past scholars who have had an interesting journey post school, please let us know so that we can share it.

On Monday we welcomed the return of our remote learning year levels and finally our school is complete! It was lovely to see all their faces (albeit some behind masks in classrooms!) and hear their excitement about finally being able to see their friends and have face to face learning opportunities. We extend our thanks to parents, grandparents and in some instances older siblings for supporting the students who were learning at home and hope the experience wasn't too taxing!

There are still some students, who for various reasons, are learning from home. For those in Reception to Year 10, the Department have a dedicated website with units of work for each year level to allow children to undertake meaningful learning, without relying on our teachers to teach both face to face and provide on-line materials. You can access this site via the following link. <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/our-learning-sa>

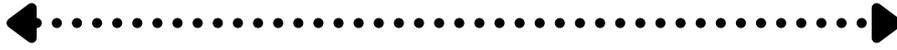
As we progress into the term, we will quite probably be impacted by Covid cases both here at school and also within our local community. Our students and staff are dealing positively with the day to day requirements of physical distancing, mask wearing and effective hand hygiene, understanding that what we are doing will minimise the risk of transmission. Thank you to families who have communicated promptly when they have learnt of positive cases in their immediate circle or their children have been close contacts. We will ensure that our communication to families regarding classroom contact here at school is also swiftly conveyed. Please keep checking your emails for any school information.



'In learning
you will
teach, and in
teaching you
will learn'



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



A MESSAGE FROM ALI



I am delighted to announce that Cathy Glazbrook has taken on our canteen lunch service for the remainder of term 1. Cathy will be with us on Wed, Thurs and Fri each week and has presented a fabulous menu with some of our students' favourites, as well as some interesting new additions. Please see the menu at the end of the newsletter, and don't forget to check out the Friday specials on Qkr! and Facebook. Ordering and payment is easy on the Qkr! app, so if you haven't yet downloaded this useful tool, please get on to it.

Despite the 'interesting' start to the year, students have settled well and it is good to see them engaging in their learning. Once we receive advice from the Department, we will publish our school calendar for the term. At this stage we are unsure about what restrictions might still be in place as we reinstate athletics carnivals, aquatics programs, visiting performers/speakers, and excursions. It does appear that things are beginning to relax, and we are hopeful that we will be able to provide a full range of activities and learning opportunities for our school community as the term progresses and welcome back our volunteers.

There are some important reminders to all parents and carers with which I'd like to begin school year.

1. Please ensure that you are travelling at 25km when approaching the school crossing when children are present.
2. If there is a child between the crossing flags, either on the footpath, or the roadway, vehicles are required to stop fully behind the white line, until the young person has crossed the road. I would appreciate you reminding grandparents or others who might irregularly do the school run for your child, of this road law.
3. We are still requesting that adults do not enter the school site at drop off or pick up. Please wait outside the gate at the end of the day to meet your child, and drop them off at the car park gate in the morning.
4. Adults entering the school for any reason must report to the Front Office and will be required to sign in using the QR code and wear a mask while on school grounds. We ask that adults do not go directly to classes or engage with students in the school yard.
5. If there is a change of plans for your child for the end of the day, please try to make contact with the school by lunchtime so that we can easily convey information to teachers and students. While we try our best, we cannot guarantee that messages received close to the end of the day will always be delivered.
6. For those families who would like to apply for School Card, please make contact with Zoe Weir, our Business Manager, who can support you with this process.
7. For any families who would like to arrange a payment plan for Materials and Services Charges, or other larger expenses, again, please make contact with Zoe who can assist you with this.

We usually hold our Governing Council AGM in the library toward the end of February. The Department have advised that AGMs and Governing Council meetings should not be held face to face this term. A Zoom AGM for the Minlaton District School Governing Council will be held on the evening of Tuesday March 1st. We have only one continuing member, who has a year to serve on a two year term; all other positions are vacant. We welcome both new and previous members to nominate for the Governing Council using the nomination form attached to this newsletter. If you would like further information about the GC please don't hesitate to get in touch and if you would like to attend the AGM, please let the Front Office know so that a Zoom link can be sent to you.

Enjoy this second edition of our fortnightly school newsletter and have a wonderful weekend.

Ali

Minlaton District School Governing Council
2022 Nomination Form

I(FULL NAME)

of(ADDRESS)

wish to nominate to be a member of the 2022 Minlaton District School Governing Council and hereby declare that:

I am fully vaccinated for Covid 19 as per Departmental requirements,

I have completed/am willing to complete the required Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse or Neglect (formerly Mandatory Reporting) training,

I am not an undischarged bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of the law for the relief of insolvent debtors,

I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person.

I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of the law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any offence listed my membership of Minlaton District School Governing Council will cease.

Signed: Date:

Please complete this form and send to ali.bogle643@schools.sa.edu.au

Should you have any questions they can be directed to the Principal at the above email address.

Primary School News

Welcome Back

It was great to see all primary students back at school on Monday morning. The Years 2-5 children did Home Learning and proved that they had loads of independence and perseverance. The work posted onto the children's personal portfolios on Class Dojo showed a high level of engagement from the majority of students. The Reception and Yr 1 children engaged in their learning for the first two weeks of the year at school and benefited from the direct teacher instruction time in the face-to-face setting. All staff look forward to working with children in 2022 and seeing them reach their full potential.

Home Reading

Reading and comprehension underpins every part of education. We would like to encourage parents to support their children to read at home each day. For the very youngest students, parents may like to read to them, either from the books you have at home or the books they borrow from the library here at school. For the children who are slightly older who can read we would like to see them reading their levelled books at home as well as enjoy their library books. Our aim for the older children is for them to like reading so much that they choose to read in their leisure time. For homework the Yrs 3-5 can read library books or books they may have at home. Some children particularly love non-fiction books or articles in magazines or newspapers. Reading regularly and enjoying it, is the goal!

Primary Classes

These are 5 primary classes and the teachers for 2022.

Receptions in room 6 - Kelly Coe

Receptions/Yr 1 in room 5 - Zoe Gerasimopoulos (Ms G)

Yr 2/3 in the STEAM room - Erin Cock and Katie Hocking

Yr 3/4 in room 4 - Geordie Cameron

Yr 5 in room 1 - Barb Agnew

Specialist Teachers: Al Murdock, Ella Pritchard, Josh Coombe, Owen Lamb, Rick Cook, Anne Mayadunne and Sam Parsons

Barb Agnew

Primary Coordinator



Primary School News

Home Learning

Some of the Home Learning submitted by Yr 5 students as posted on Class Dojo.



Word Study activity by Georgina

The Monkey Bar Accident

This story took place at Minlaton district school last year. It was a windy day in spring, and it was cold. I'm Regan. I am ten years old. I have brown hair and I'm athletic.

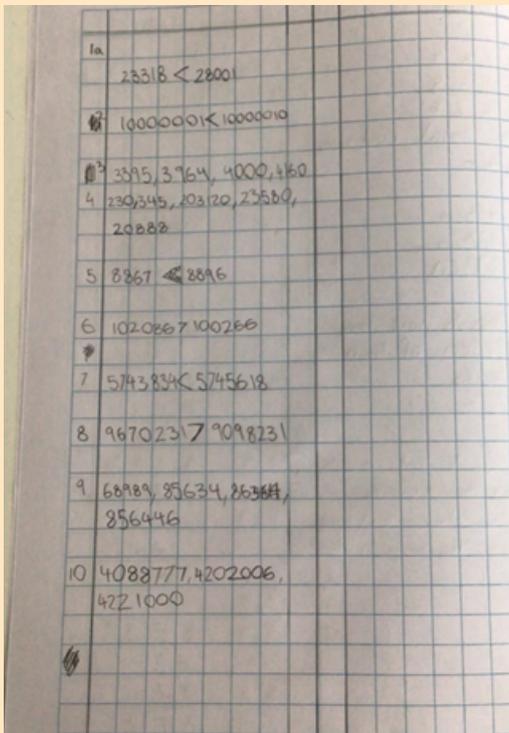
On this day at the start of fitness my friend Marlie and I were on the monkey bars playing. I swung so high on the bars that my hands slipped. I span in circles three times in the air. I felt terrified and scared. I fell face first on the bark chips, and I hit my head and my tummy. I cried and told my teacher that my tummy was sore, and my head was hurting.

When we were on our way to the gym to do PE, I felt horrible. My head and my tummy hurt so bad. I couldn't handle the pain, so I had to go home. The front desk lady called my Mum to pick me up. On our way home I started to get shaky and felt like I was going to spew. Mum got worried so she rang the hospital and they told her to bring me straight there.

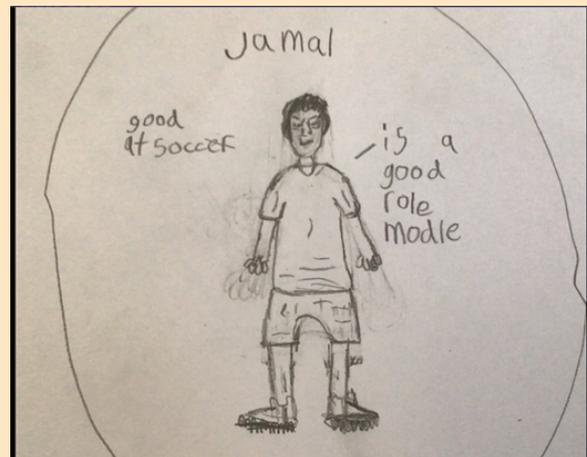
When we were nearly there I vomited. I was frightened. We got to the hospital, and I had to lay on a bed. The Doctor did a check up and he told me that I had to rest. After I had rested for a while, the nurse came in. They took my blood pressure and checked my eyes. They gave me an ice block but after I ate some of it, I vomited again. I was worried.

The Doctor came back in and checked me again. He said that I had to rest for three more hours. If I still wasn't well and if I vomited again, he said that I would have to go to the woman and children's hospital to get a CT scan. The good news is that I didn't need to go because I didn't vomit again. I was feeling better so we went home.

Narrative by Regan



Some Maths by Saxon



Class Novel - Boy Overboard
Character - Jamal by Louis



Middle School News

The location of Middle School care groups this year has changed somewhat from previous years.

Around the Learning Street Mr Coombe has the 6/7s in room 15, Mrs Campion is with the 7/8s in room 13, and Mr Fitzgerald and Mrs Rothe are sharing the 8/9 Care Group in building 1 next to Home Ec.



Wind turbines with Mr Lamb in Science to explore modes of renewable energy



Senior School News

Hi all and welcome back to full face to face schooling for all of our senior students. All the staff missed having everyone around and I think that secretly most students are glad to be back as well. I'm 100% sure that parents are glad everyone is back!

Before going any further I'd like to extend a sincere congratulations to our 2021 Year 12 class for some fantastic results. Our Dux was Natalie Blyth, who achieved an ATAR of 89.75 and is about to embark on studying a Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Sciences at UniSA. Overall our students did exceptionally well with the cohort attaining 53.06% of all students grades at B+ level or above (including 30.61% of all grades within the A grade band!!) This is significantly above the state average and reinforces the quality of both the students and staff who work with them. From an overall student success perspective all of our year 12 graduates who were seeking employment have done so and all of our graduates who applied for tertiary study are doing so this year. Well done to all.

The performance of our 2021 students (and the consistently high levels of student success over time) can be closely linked with our senior school expectations. This is the perfect time to remind all members of our senior school community that we place a strong emphasis on student self-management; we expect that students will display high levels of initiative, communication, ability to work independently, are accountable for their actions and decisions and self-manage their workloads both inside and outside the classroom. This is supported by a focus on the Thriving Learner concepts introduced in 2021 – a zest for lifelong learning, developing a deep understanding and mastery, transfer of learning, building personal capacity, close connections, identity and belonging. The combination of all of these elements enables our students to engage as effectively as possible with their schooling and experience the most success they can, whether that success is a high mark, improved knowledge, the ability to do something they never have before, acceptance into a Uni course or transitioning into the career pathway of their choice.

I'll be sending home a senior school agreement document by the end of the week. This outlines the formal expectations of our students and asks both students and their families to sign and return to me by the beginning of next week. Having this agreement and the high expectations in place from the beginning of the year allows all students the best foundation from which to launch towards success for the remainder of the year.

Looking forward to a great year in 2022!

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

Primary School Sports Update

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 change this year is the change of ages for SAPSASA events in line with Year 7s now being officially classified as secondary students. This means Year 5s and Year 6s only are eligible to trial for SYP representative events.

The interruptions to the commencement of the school year due to COVID have prompted some date changes already (which have been updated below). There may be further date changes if the situation changes but you will be informed of any developments as they arise.

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** -Monday, May 30th to Wednesday, June 1st (there will be a Yr 5/6 boys carnival held for YP teams late in Term 1 which will serve as the first trial for this event)
- **Girls Football** -Monday, May 30th to Wednesday, June 1st (trials will be held late in Term 1)
- **Netball** -Monday, May 27th to Wednesday, June 29th (trials will be held in Term 2)
- **Cross Country** - Thursday, June 9th (interested students can compete if they can meet a minimum standard at the district event)
- **Track and Field** - Monday, September 19th (students are selected based on performances in the SYP Interschool Athletics Carnival)
- **Cricket** - Tuesday, November 8th to Thursday, November 10th (trials to commence late in Term 3)
- **Tennis** - Tuesday, November 15th to Thursday, November 17th (trials to commence early in Term 4)

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

- **Swimming** - Monday, May 23rd (trials to commence mid Term 1)
- **Softball** - Monday, April 11th to Wednesday, April 13th (trials for Year 5 or 6 boys and girls to be held later this term)
- **Hockey** -Wednesday, August 17th to Friday, August 19th - same time as the netball carnival (trials will be held in Term 2)
- **Soccer** - Monday, August 9th to Wednesday, August 11th (trials to commence late Term 2)

In addition to the state events above, the following district events are scheduled for MDS students to represent the school either individually or in a team:

- Yr 5/6 YP **Boys Football** Carnival at Maitland - **Friday, March 25th**
- SYP Interschool **Athletics** Carnival at Maitland - **Thursday, March 31st**
- SYP **Netball** Carnival at Minlaton - **Friday, April 8th**
- SYP **Cross Country** event at Yorketown - **Wednesday, May 4th**
- SYP District **Basketball** Carnival at Minlaton - **Friday, July 29th**
- Girls **Cricket** Gala Day at Maitland - **Friday, September 16th**
- Yr 3-6 **Tennis** Hot Shots at Yorketown - **Monday, October 31st**



Primary School Sports Update Continued

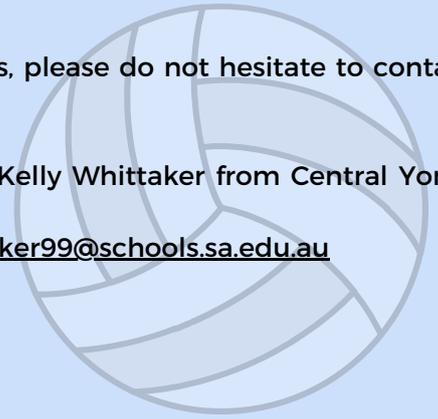
If anyone has any questions about SAPSASA or other primary sport events, please do not hesitate to contact me at josh.coombe430@schools.sa.edu.au

Aaron Smith from Kadina Memorial School is the convenor for our area. Kelly Whittaker from Central Yorke School is 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

Josh Coombe

MDS Primary Sport Coordinator



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 NHARANGGA



MINLATON DISTRICT SCHOOL CANTEEN • MENU • TERM 1 2022

SNACKS

Red Rock Deli chips • honey soy sea salt	2.50
Arnott's Shapes	3.00
Cool Pack popcorn	1.50
Grain Waves • sour cream and chives	2.50
Juicie Frozen Juice	1.50
Moosie • chocolate strawberry blue moon	2.00
Everest Vanilla Dixie Cup	2.00

LUNCH

chicken fajita burrito bowl	8.50
chicken, black beans, guacamole, tomato salsa, sweet corn, capsicum, sour cream with pita chips	
chicken salad	8.50
chicken breast with seasonal veggies: tomatoes, cucumber, leafy greens, red onion, feta cheese, capsicum, carrot, bean sprouts with balsamic dressing	
fusilli (spiral pasta) bolognese with cheese	6.50
beef, tomato, carrot, zucchini, celery, herbs, pasta	
chicken and gravy roll	7.50
chicken chilli sub	7.50
chicken tenders with lettuce and chilli sauce	
dino snacks with crunchy garden salad	6.00
chicken nuggets with fresh garden salad bits	

DRINKS

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

LUNCH

individual pizzas	4.00
★ cheese and bacon ham and pineapple	
garlic bread	1.50

SPECIAL DAYS

hump day hot dog Wednesday	
★ hot dog with tomato sauce	4.50
★ hot dog with cheese and bacon	5.50
wrapped about Thursday	7.50
pulled pork and coleslaw wrap	
fabulous Fridays	
watch out for a Friday special every week, you'll find it on Facebook from Tuesday night or go to QKR!	



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)
- ★ snacks are available during recess and lunch

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.