



Minlaton District School

'By Deeds Not Words'

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Diary Dates

April

- 9th Last Day of Term - 2pm Dismissal
25th Anzac Day
26th Anzac Day Observance – Public Holiday
28th SY Primary Cross Country
29th Year 10 Immunisations

May

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

Term 1 is coming to a close and we have managed to cram it full of all that makes our school an amazing place to be. Students have risen to the challenge of classroom learning, from our new Receptions who have become 'old hands' in following school routine and building their understanding of sounds and letters as they learn that all important skill of reading, to our Year 12 students who are mid-way through the compulsory Research Project component of the SACE and delving into some amazing areas of discovery. For those of you who were able to attend the Learning Expo yesterday, I'm sure you would have been impressed by the students' ability to talk to you about their learning, and the obvious pride they demonstrate in their school.

Last week, with the assistance of Governing Council Rep Megan Mahar, we concluded the task of selecting the six students who will take on the formal mantle of Student Leaders. We were impressed by the calibre of the candidates who put themselves forward for selection, and I was immensely proud of the way our young people presented themselves and spoke about their school and their willingness to take on a leadership responsibility. I am delighted to announce that our Student Leaders are: Primary – Isobel Cook and Darcy Walsh; Middle – Eleanor Brown and Joe Rothe; Senior – Natalie Blyth and Amelia Rothe. I look forward to working closely with this executive group to further progress our school's continuous quest for improvement. A formal induction ceremony for both our Student and House Leaders will take place early next term.

On Friday April 9th, we farewell our long standing Canteen Manager Dale Harper. Dale was first appointed to the role in 2012 and has worked tirelessly over the years to serve our students and staff with some amazing lunches and recess time treats. Dale's management and organisation of the canteen on Sports Day is always a highlight; Dale and her band of merry helpers always make sure we are well fed and watered...and who can forget the themed delicacies on offer over the years of Book Week and special days? On behalf of the whole school community, I extend our very sincere thanks to Dale for her enormous contribution to our school. We wish you well in your future endeavours, and hope that you will look back fondly on your time with us at MDS.



In week 9, Governing Council Chair Kristen Wilson joined me in a merit selection panel to select a new person for Dale's role. So, as Dale leaves us, we welcome Terri Theil, who takes over the role of the canteen manager and relinquishes her classroom support role. Due to Terri's other work commitments, our canteen will only be open for lunch service on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from the beginning of Term 2. We can expect a new winter menu, and some changes as Terri takes the helm, but most importantly, students will need to bring lunch with them on a Monday and Tuesday. We hope to have the canteen open for over the counter sales – drinks, ice blocks and chips etc. at recess and lunch on Mon/Tues, and are looking for any parents who can spare 30 minutes either at recess or lunch on a Monday or Tuesday to go on a roster for service. Please ring Zoe on 88532346 if you can help at any time. It would be great to have a crew of volunteers so that you only had to commit to one or two sessions over the course of the term.

The end point of the gym refurbishment is getting ever closer. At the last site meeting yesterday the projected hand over date was provided – Monday 3rd May. There is a great level of excitement about what will be revealed once the fence is down and the kids are able to access the building; and if you think the kids are excited, imagine how the staff are feeling! Watch the FB page for reactions as we let them loose in the space once we take possession. Latest photos below.

I'll leave you with some photos from yesterday's Learning Expo. Have a wonderful time with your kids over the holiday break. Don't forget that we have a public holiday in observance of Anzac Day on April 26th, so Term 2 resumes on Tuesday April 27th.

Safe travels to those venturing far from home – let's hope the weather holds for the next two weeks so that we can all enjoy the great outdoors.

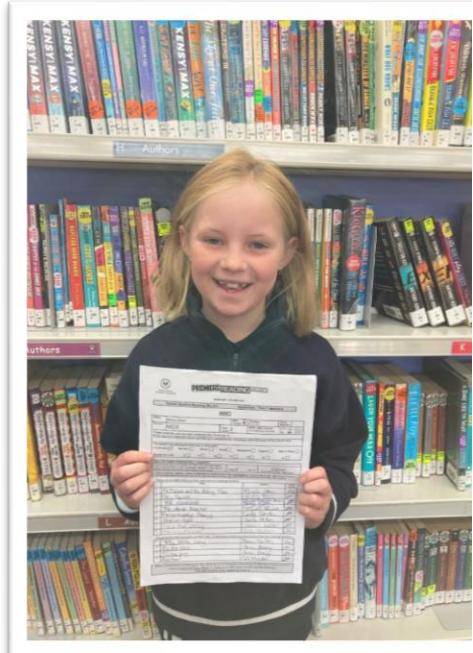
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Library News

A massive 'well done' to Bella Weir who, earlier this term became our first student to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2021. As I write this we now have both of our Reception/Year 1 classes finished as well as 10 individual students. Well done to (in no particular order) Alena Voigt, Owen Cook, Willow Smith, Tida Hoskin, Isabella Edwards, Lara Cook, Deanna Jones, Dusty Redding and Archie Cook. Soon we will begin our celebration of those completed by pinning their themed pictures around the library. This year's Book Week theme is 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Words' so we will be theming the pictures around that. For those of you who are super organised, this will also be the theme for our book week celebrations (likely in term 3), so start thinking about those costumes now – there's a fair bit of scope there!

If you are not sure if your child has a Premier's Reading Challenge form, new forms can be picked up from the Library any time we are open, or if you contact us we will deliver one to your child.

Keep turning pages people! Mr Cook.



From the Deputy's Desk....

Greg Hackett, Deputy Principal

Oral language Confidence – Is there a more vital life skill? Part 2.

A short follow up to my earlier article about **oral language confidence**. Last time I highlighted a few instances where this skill was not utilised, but I'd now like to flip the script and provide an excellent example of where a teen was able to effectively seek support in a potentially distressing event.

This article was published on a public webpage via Facebook, just a few days ago.

Lisa and I had to get on a flight unexpectedly this weekend to visit someone we love. And yesterday, we flew home. As we took off and got up over Dallas, we were pin-ball-ing around in some terrible turbulence. The kind that makes you close your eyes, collapse into yourself, and get really quiet; the turbulence that turns even the staunchest atheist into a prayer warrior. In that moment, the teenager next to us, with whom we had not yet shared a word, turned and said very intensely, "I need you to talk to me right now." He went on: "I have terrible anxiety, and this is my first time to ever fly alone, and this turbulence is messing with me. I need you to talk to me right now!" And so we started talking.

"Hi, I'm Lisa. And this is my husband, Daniel. And we are going to be your best friends for the next 90 minutes. We are so proud of you for telling us what you need! That took a lot of courage and we'd be proud of our own kids for taking the risk you took. We're all going to be okay, and we're here for you, so just tell us what you need."

He told us his name is Braden and that he's 16, and that he plays the guitar, ukelele and piano. And he told us that he'd just finished recording his first album. I told him that I've spent my life recording music, too, and I asked him if he had an album on him that I could buy. He pulled one out of his backpack, signed it, and gave it to me. And I reached in my backpack and gave him all of our traveling cash.

But here's the most important thing, something that Braden can teach all of us: when you need help from people, take the risk and ask for it. "I need you to talk to me right now." When life gets turbulent, we tend to close our eyes and collapse inward and get really quiet. But, no, that won't work! Braden shows us a better way. Look around, open up, put yourself out there, and ask for help.

Yesterday with Braden was holy ground. It was one of the most beautiful conversations we've had in a long time. And it's because someone took the risk of being honest. So be like Braden and take the risk.

Lisa & Daniel G*****

I hope that parents will share this story with their children and reinforce the notion that it is vitally important to 'speak up' in uncertain situations. In direct copy from the original piece, may I reiterate:

Effective oral communication skills are not merely a 'nice to have' ability that our children can get by without, rather it is an **essential** life skill that will support our kids to effectively function in **their** real-world. Let's work hard on this together for all of our kids.

Greg Hackett

Deputy Principal.

NOTE: As many of you know, I'm appreciative of any feedback readers are happy to offer. This could be in the form of further questions, affirmations or challenges or any ideas for future articles. Please get back to me via greg.hackett465@schools.sa.edu.au

Middle School Report

Craig Fitzgerald/Josh Coombe, Middle School Coordinators

Term 1 is drawing to a close and it has been a productive period in the Middle School. Last week we held our Middle School Learning Conversations, providing an opportunity for students to discuss their learning goals and reflect on the progress that they have made in front of their parents/caregivers and teachers. The conversations also provided the chance for students to re-evaluate and identify new ideas for goal setting next term. Gaining confidence in using oral language skills during these learning conversations is also an invaluable skill for students to help them develop their interpersonal skills to support their future lives. If you missed the opportunity to attend the Middle School Learning Conversations, please don't hesitate to contact your teachers to arrange a time to discuss your child's learning.

Those students who were not involved in the Middle School Learning Conversations, have been sent a letter home to remind parents to check the Daymap Parent Portal to see the goal setting and reflections that were completed, as well as the mid-term report that was provided. If you do not have access to the Parent Portal yet, please get in contact with the school and we can help you through the registration process so you can view all the documents attached and to monitor your child's progress.

It was also fantastic to see a number of visitors at the R-12 MDS Learning Expo on Wednesday, we hope you enjoyed the opportunity to visit the classrooms and see all of the great work that is happening here at MDS. We wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday period and look forward to Term 2.

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

Senior School Report

Glen White, Senior School Coordinator

In something a little different this week, I'd like to introduce one of the methodologies that we are currently exploring as teachers here at MDS. It's call Flipped Learning, and it basically flips the learning around so that time spent in class can be used for valuable conversation around what's being learnt, to embed and consolidate understanding. Rather than try to explain it in writing, please check out this example which I've prepared for you. Happy viewing.

<https://youtu.be/q9sR5rjH80U>



[An introduction to Flipped Learning here at MDS](#)

youtu.be

Primary News

Barb Agnew, Primary Coordinator

Learning Expo

The Learning Expo occurred yesterday and was a valuable time where parents and caregivers viewed student work and interacted with the children, finding out about their learning. We really appreciated the opportunity to welcome everyone into the classrooms.

Traffic Lights

The interim reports in the form of Traffic Lights went home last week. We hope this gave parents and caregivers a snapshot of children's academic progress so far this year. If anyone would like to discuss any issues, please contact your child's class teacher.

Year 4/5 English

The students in the year 4/5 English class have been writing persuasive texts. The latest topic was 'It is important for children to play outside.' Here are some snippets of various sections from students' texts.

Playing outside is healthy for you. For example, if you are riding a bike or scootering it's healthy because it gives you fresh air. 90% of scientists believe that you should go outside for at least 1 hour every day. When you go outside you get fit and become healthier. You get vitamin D. Vitamin D is good for you because it makes your bones stronger.

Edward Liebelt

Playing outside is good for social skills. It is also good for connecting with your friends and having fun. For example, once at Kindy I was all alone playing with some dolls and then I saw my friend playing on a swing, but she wasn't swinging, she was just sitting on it. So, I went outside and pushed her a bit and she looked like she was having fun. I pushed her more and it was good.

Annabelle Cook

Kids should be able to play outside, but many people say that it is not appropriate for kids to play outside because they could get hurt really badly. That is true, however, if kids get hurt, they will learn from their mistakes and not do it again. Kids are not dumb, they will not go and run across the road when there is a car coming if they are dared to do it. Kids know how to take safe risks.

Isobel Cook

Kids get fit when they play outside in the sun and they get active as well when they are outside. They play games like hide and seek, scumball, sports and they make up their own games.

Alexander Redding

Playing outside helps your social skills. When kids play outside, they will get happier for the rest of the day. When children are young it makes them make friends much easier than when playing inside. When you are around eight you want to play with friends on your motorbike, which can also help make new friends

Charlie Mahar

Do you want to keep kids inside for the rest of their lives? So, don't be that monster and let them outside. They have fun when they're outside so why not just let them go?

Lowan Coe

Pastoral and School Care Worker News – Di Nankivell



Hope you all had a lovely Easter weekend and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. I cannot believe how fast my first term at MDS has gone. Thank you to staff, students and parents for making my first term such a happy one and for all the support that everyone has shown me. It has been lovely to meet lots of parents and to start forming relationships with students. I have really enjoyed spending time with students at aquatics, excursions, in the yard and in the classroom.

During the school holidays, Scripture Union SA will be running a 'Supa Sports Holiday Club' here at school from April 20-22. I sent home a flier for each family from Yrs. 1-7 with details on how to register. This is a free event which runs from 8.45am – 12.30pm. There will be lots of fun activities and games, so if you haven't got much planned for the holidays, this is a great way to fill in some time! The flier is also attached to this week's newsletter!

Something to think about...

Everyone hears what you say.
Friends listen to what you say.
Best friends listen to what you don't say!



Hope you all have a fantastic holiday ... Di

SUPA SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB

SPORTS! FUN! BIBLE STORIES! GAMES!

APRIL 20-22
SCHOOL YEARS 1-7

DETAILS: FB.NE/E/1RRSAYRNJ

A MINISTRY OF THE COMBINED CHURCHES OF MINLATON, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SCRIPTURE UNION

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FREE CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PROGRAM, YEARS 1-7

Being held at Minlaton District School
Registration & arrival 8.45-9am
Parent pick up and sign out at 12.30
An event of the local Christian churches in partnership with Scripture Union

All leaders have Working with children checks and Childsafe training

Please book online and you will receive a rego form by email to bring on the day

Register your child at - www.trybooking.com/BPJVC

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Life, Love & Hope for a Young Generation

YPSSAC 2021

On Wednesday 24th March, Minlaton students travelled to Moonta Area School to participate in the Yorke Peninsula Secondary Schools Athletics Carnival. The squad was selected based on individual results from the Minlaton Athletics Carnival in Week 6. Harvest joined the competition this year, so it was the first time all 9 secondary schools were involved in the event. The competition was fierce on the day but there were some outstanding results from our students. The following individual results deserve special acknowledgement:

1st Place

Shineah Goody – Open Girls Triple Jump

Shineah Goody – Open Girls Long Jump

2nd Place

Jess Farrow – Open Girls Shot Put

Shineah Goody – Open Girls High Jump

Freddie Wilson – U/14 Boys High Jump

3rd Place

McCoy Harper-Zerna – Open Boys 1500m

Luke Horn – U/15 Boys Long Jump

Freddie Wilson – U/14 Boys Javelin

Lincoln Richter – U/15 Boys High Jump

Luke Horn – U/15 Boys 400m

Mia Longbottom – Open Girls 400m

Jonny Wimpenny – Open Boys Javelin

Jess Farrow – Open Girls Discus

Mia Longbottom – Open Girls 200m

Archie Campion – Open Boys Discus

Minlaton students also combined well in the wheel and ball events at the end of the day and finished third in the team games pennant.

Kadina had a great day and won the U/15 pennant, Open pennant, team games pennant and the overall Yorke Peninsula Country Times Handicap Shield. Central Yorke won the U/14 pennant.

A number of Minlaton students have now been selected to represent the Yorke Peninsula Zone in the SA Track and Field Championships at Mile End (Santos Stadium) on Thursday 8th April.





SYP PRIMARY INTERSCHOOL SPORTS DAY 2021

By Josh Coombe

In Week 9, a fervent troop of athletes (and supporters) assembled at Yorketown Area School ready to strive for success against eight neighbouring schools in the annual SYP Primary Interschool Sports Day.

The conditions were conducive to many personal bests being recorded and a substantial haul of medallions and minor placings. Interestingly we had 22 events where the students improved on their performance from our school sports day. For the record, we finished a comfortable 2nd in the championship shield, behind the winners, Maitland Lutheran. We finished 8th in the handicap shield.

Congratulations to the students who won these individual events on the day:

- Hamish Coombe (11 YO 800m, long jump and high jump)
- Gabrielle Hickman (13 YO 100m, 200m)
- Matilda Cook (12 YO shot put)
- Maggie Walsh (11 YO discus)
- Alexander Redding (10 YO long jump)

We also won the 10/11 YO relay (Darcy Walsh, Hamish Coombe, Maggie Walsh and Anais Glazbrook) and the 12/13 YO relay (Thomas Phillips, Nic Krieg, Rose Pisani, Gabrielle Hickman).

We also had a plethora of place getters for the day:

- Anais Glazbrook (2nd 11 YO 800m and 100m)
- Amber Borgmeyer (2nd 13 YO 800m)
- Shanaid Sansbury (2nd 10 YO 200m)
- Alexander Redding (2nd 10 YO 200m)
- Hamish Coombe (2nd 11 YO 100m)
- Ayla Cranwell (2nd 6 YO 60m)
- Finn Glazbrook (2nd 9 YO 60m)
- Xavier Cook (2nd 10 YO high jump)
- Thomas Phillips (2nd 13 YO high jump + 3rd in long jump)
- Maggie Walsh (2nd 11 YO long jump and shot put)
- Lara Jansons (2nd 12 YO long jump)
- Rose Pisani (2nd 13 YO long jump)
- 8/9 YO relay (Finn Glazbrook, Brayden Krieg, Evie Thomas, Naida Coe) – 2nd
- Khiana Gates (3rd 13 YO 800m and high jump)
- Charlie Phillips (3rd 11 YO 200m)
- Darcy Walsh (3rd 10 YO 100m)
- Matilda Cook (3rd 12 YO high jump)
- Gabrielle Hickman (3rd 13 YO shot put and discus)
- Brianna Warrior (3rd 10 YO discus)

Thank you to Barb, Rick and Di for their support on the day. Thanks to Beth Porter for another splendid year as the SYP Sports Day secretary. Beth is finishing up in this role and we congratulate her on her efforts for many years. Thanks to Jess Walsh for transporting some extra students. Thank you also to all of the parents and other family members for the support given to our athletes throughout the day.



Primary Interschool Athletes (left to right in photos)

Top Left: Ruby, Naida, George, Toby, Ayla, Jakob, Evie , Finn

Top Right: Nick, Thomas, Gabrielle, Rose

Middle: Nick, Thomas, Rose, Anais, Matilda, Darcy, Gabrielle, Alexander, Maggie, Hamish

Bottom Left: Maggie, Hamish, Darcy, Anais

SAPSASA SOFTBALL

Last week Mackenzie White represented the YP SAPSASA softball team in the 2021 State Championships in Adelaide. Mackenzie acquitted herself extremely well in a variety of roles whilst also relishing the experience of meeting new people and being involved in a fun and enjoyable team environment.

For the record, the YP team recorded two wins over Upper South East and Onkaparinga South and drew with Western. Overall, they finished in 7th position in the ten-team Division 3 competition.



Senior Art Excursion - Anne Mayadunne

On the 29th of March, the Visual Arts students were in Adelaide to view the SACE Art Exhibition, Art Gallery of South Australia and took part in guided tours with the College of Arts Adelaide and UniSA.

This year the SACE Art Show showed the vast and varied work from past Stage 2 students. The art works were predominantly contemporary, in terms of techniques and art materials used. As a primary resource, students were able to see excellent presentation of art work and well documented folios.

The guided tour of the Gallery SA, offered insight into traditional and contemporary art work. Students commented that they would have liked to have 'spent more time' to view more work. We viewed painting, sculpture and assemblage pieces.

Both the College of Arts and UniSA showed students through studio spaces and gave an introduction to career opportunities. We appreciate Rural and Isolated Funding for supporting us on this excursion.



From the Art Studio

I would like to thank all students who had their work submitted in the YP Art Exhibition. This was the postponed exhibition from last year. The art work constituted of drawings, paintings and sculpture. The students whose work was chosen to go into the exhibition were Tida Hoskin, Bella Weir, Will McDonald, Ayla Cranwell, Gabrielle Hickman, Maggie Walsh, Anais Glazbrook, Mackenzie White, Joe Rothe, Harvey Gardner, Shorna Bosher, Luke Horn, Natalie Blyth, Macy Coe, Teressa Murillo and Eb Coe. It was lovely to be able to submit a range of art works, including a number of metal sculpture pieces and clay work.

We are hoping that there will be another exhibition in 2022 to get back into the cycle and allow more students to have their work on public display.

Congratulations to Anais for winning the first prize for Primary School and well done to all students on being entered. Anais' work is featured below.

If parents would like a copy of the Exhibition catalogue, in which there are pictures of all exhibit submissions, we have obtained some for purchase for \$5 from the Book Room. Please contact Zoe if you would like one.

Ms Mayadunne



A plea from our Bus Drivers:

When buses are stopped with flashing lights to either pick up or drop off children please lower your speed to 25km per hour. This is the speed limit.

Please make our children's safety your priority.