



Minlaton District School

'By Deeds Not Words'

Newsletter 18
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Celebrating 30 Years 1992-2022

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DIARY DATES

Fortnightly Feature

NOVEMBER 2022

MINLATON DISTRICT SCHOOL CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

November



- 7th - Yr12 Exams Start
- 9th - Kindy Transition
- 10th - Yr7 Parent Transition Visit
- 11th - Remembrance Day
- 15th-18th - SAPSASA Tennis
- 16th - Kindy Transition

Belinda Brown, Archie Champion, Jordan Chappell, Rory Hackett, Mavrik Harper-Zerna, Scott Horn, James McSkimming, Jordan Minks, Cooper Newbold, Noah Newbold, Lachlan Reade, Kooper Rivers, Georgia Stanley, Saxon Underwood, Jonny Wimpenny, Marley Wright

**see attached full term Calendar*





A MESSAGE FROM ALI

Last Friday marked the end of 13 years of schooling for our Class of 2022. It was a bittersweet moment for me, as within this group were the reception students who began their schooling in my first year as Principal of Minlaton District School in 2010. To Georgia, James, Mavrik and Rory, the only four of the group who have experienced all of their schooling at MDS, I hope the journey has been as good for you as it has for me. We have said farewell to many over the years and welcomed new classmates along the way. Each has added their own unique personality to the group and become an integral part of our school. It is a real privilege to farewell our graduating class each year. Seeing them at our final school assembly, on the day they finalise the 'last little bits' of their school life and prepare to enter a new phase is always tinged with a degree of sadness. To all of our Class of 2022, we send you into the world with our very best wishes for the future. Good luck to those who still have exams to sit; we look forward to seeing you all at Presentation Night on December 1st, and at the Yr 12 Celebration Dinner on December 3rd.

As our Year 12s leave us, our Reception class for 2023 and the students joining us in the Middle School from our feeder schools, joined us today for the first of a number of transition visits over the coming weeks. It was lovely to see the children enter the classrooms with big smiles, ready for a new adventure, and I thank the parents of the new reception students for joining us for a tour of the school and an information session and chance to ask questions. What was particularly wonderful, was welcoming back ex-students whose children are just starting their education journey at school. We sincerely hope that MDS will provide a great experience for all of our new children and their families.



'A little progress each day,
adds up to BIG results'





A MESSAGE FROM ALI

We are now at the end of Week 3 of the final term of the year, and while there is much to look forward to, with camps, work experience, activities and excursions on the horizon, it is important that we continue to strive to achieve our very best in our learning in the coming weeks and finish the academic year well. It has been disappointing in recent weeks to have had to deal with some less than desirable behaviours from some students who have not met our expectations for positive, mature engagement in school life. Several instances of vaping and anti-social behaviour have come to our attention, and I seek the cooperation of all parents in supporting us to educate our young people in respectful relationships and healthy lifestyles. Once again, unfettered and inappropriate use of social media raises issues for us at school as we attempt to unravel negative interactions which spill into the school environment.

Who would believe that we have entered the final month of spring, with plummeting temperatures, wild winds and plenty of rain, it has been anything but the typical weather pattern we expect, and there have been a few wet weather days which have kept the children indoors over breaks. The forecast looks much improved for next week, and we are looking forward to planting out the next phase of our 'woodland' which will form part of the 3/4 class unit of work around sustainability and the natural environment. At least the soil will have plenty of moisture to give our plants a good start in life.

Until next time.

Ali





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MDS are seeking expressions of interest from anyone wishing to pursue a position as a 'Classroom Support' School Services Officer for 2023.

For more information, please contact us on the details above.

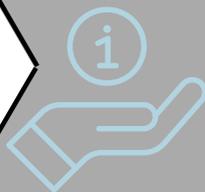
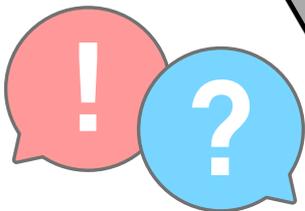


CLASSROOM SUPPORT VACANCY



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**Has any of your Family Information Changed?
Please let the Front Office know**



Family
Information?



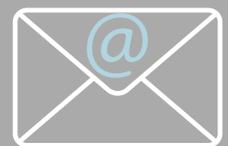
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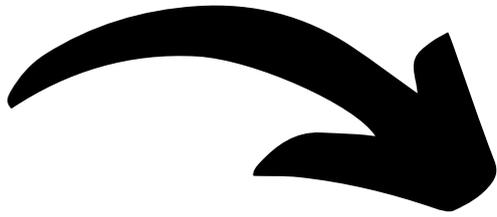
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YET?**



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FUN RUN**

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School Fun Run...

The 3 dates to remember are:



- Event Date - **Thursday December 15th**, last **Thursday** of Term 4
- Money Due Back and online prize ordering unlocks - **Tuesday November 15th**
- Online prize ordering closes - **Friday November 18th**

Primary School News

Performing Arts Night

After the 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' musical last year we decided to have a Performing Arts Night so students have the opportunity to showcase drama and musical skills. This will be held in the gym on the new portable stage. The date of the Performing Arts night is 7th of December and will start at 7pm. Each of the primary classes will present at least one item, with a couple of the classes doing more than one. There may even be some of the middle school students performing on the night. More information about this will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Kindy Transition

The Minlaton Early Learning Centre (Kindy) students had their first Transition Day on Wednesday. They had the opportunity to meet Mrs Coe, explore the classroom and enjoy the yard at recess time. The children will continue their transition over the next 3 weeks gradually increasing their time at school on Wednesdays. Parents of the Kindy children had a tour of the school yesterday, learnt more about MDS and had their questions answered.

Year 5 Camp

Information about the Year 5 camp will be sent home early next week. The Yr 5 class will be going to the Adelaide Zoo for a 'Zoo Snooze' where they will complete a science trail during the day, have a tour of the zoo in the evening and spend the night camped in tents on the roof of one of the buildings. In science the children learn about animal adaptations, and this will be a major focus of the visit. Following the same theme, the students will go to the SA Museum the following day to learn more about biodiversity.

Barb Agnew
Primary Coordinator



Primary School News

R/1 News

On Monday the R/1 class had their first Footlight Dance session for the year. This lesson's focus was hip-hop dancing. The Footlight instructor Aislynn, taught the students the importance of warming up their bodies and stretching. Aislynn then proceeded to teach the students some special hip-hop moves, including some break dancing. Once the students practiced some hip-hop techniques the students then put it all together to learn a fun routine. To end the session, the students went head to head in some dance battles, which was super fun. The students can't wait for their next session!

Kyden: "I liked challenging Zara in the dance battles."

Kira: "I loved doing the spinning on the floor."

George Kemp: "My favourite move was the body rolls."

Sophie: "I liked learning the criss-cross move."

Rory: "I liked all of it! Especially doing the whole dance."



Senior School News

Last Friday saw the formal end to school for our Year 12 cohort, and whilst a number are completing final elements of their curriculum, we used a BBQ Breakfast and assembly to say our farewells and wish them all the best. That does mean that our Year 11s are actually now the “big kids” at school, and should now begin to think about focusing on Year 12 in 2023.

Year 10 & 11 students will be undertaking final end of semester assessments up until early week 7 this term, however all assessment tasks must be submitted **no later than 3pm Tuesday the 29th of November**. It is timely to remind them that the successful completion of subjects currently being studied provides a solid foundation for future learning. **Therefore, should a student not satisfactorily complete their course requirements in any senior subject, they will be ineligible for work experience or exemptions and must attend school where they will be provided with the opportunity to successfully complete these subjects in order to move up to the next year level.** Should a student be unsuccessful when provided this opportunity, then their promotion to the next year level will be closely reviewed. Contact will be made shortly with parents and students who have been identified as at risk of not being successful.

During week 7, all 2023 senior school students will have a transition program. The aim of the program is to provide them with course requirements and expectations, experience a snapshot of what they are in for and potentially allow them to reflect on subject choices, undertake any administrative requirements and build the requisite skills for success in the next year. (There may even be a BBQ... no guarantees though). It is a compulsory activity and an outline will be provided to parents via their students early next week.

In addition, during that time period, a work experience preparation course will be run online for all students undertaking a placement at the end of the term. This is also compulsory and students will not be able to undertake work experience without this course being successfully completed.

The final formal day of senior school programs for 2022 is Thursday 1st December. Weeks 8 & 9 of the term are allocated for work experience. All Year 10 and 11 students **must complete at least one week of work placement during this period**, however all are welcome to complete 2 weeks. Year 9 students who are 15 years or over may also wish to undertake work experience in the second week. Students who do not secure a placement are required to attend school where they will be provided with a relevant program aimed at increasing their knowledge around the world of work and their employability skills.

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



Term 4 Calendar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
Week 1	17 Term Day Term 4	18	19	20	21	22	23
Week 2	24	25	26	27	28 Year 12's Final Day	29	30
Week 3	31 Hot Shots Yr3-6	1 SAPSASA Cricket	2 Kindy Transition	3	4	5	6
Week 4	7 Year 12 Exams	8	9 Kindy Transition	10 Yr7 Parent Transition visit	11	12	13
Week 5	14	15 SAPSASA Tennis	16 Kindy Transition	17	18	19	20
Week 6	21	22 YP Concert Band Primary Zoo Snooze Governing Council Mtg	23 Kindy Transition	24	25	26	27
Week 7	28	29	30	1 Presentation Night	2 Student Free Day	3 Year 12 Celebration	4
Week 8	5	6	7 Performing Arts Night	8	9	10	11
Week 9	12	13	14	15	16 Last Day of School	17	18

SCHOOL FUNRUN.

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The Fundraising Group (Australia) Pty Ltd
ABN 44 090 756 488

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We will be holding the *School Fun Run's Crazy Colour Day* as a major fundraising event this year on **Thursday 15th Dec!** We're doing it to raise much needed money for **improvements around our school.**

About the Day

The *Crazy Colour Day* is all about Fun! It will be a huge colourful mess and is undoubtedly one of the most exciting days on our school's calendar, with everyone's participation the aim, so please make sure they attend of the day and cheer the other kids on!

How Does My Child Fundraise?

Firstly, go to schoolfunrun.com.au and create a student profile page. Everything to do with your fundraising revolves around this page.

Students who raise just \$10 will be able to choose a prize! The more they raise, the better their reward – don't forget to check these out in the sponsorship form! We have educated students on the dangers of door knocking without supervision, and we encourage you to reiterate this at home. The great thing about online fundraising is that you can share the link to your child's profile with friends and family via email, SMS and Social Media.

Online Fundraising

The easiest way to help your child raise money is through online fundraising, where students raise an average of \$120. On top of raising more money, it's also safer and easier than doorknocking and you don't have to worry about handling money! To start fundraising online, go to your student profile page at schoolfunrun.com.au and share your online fundraising link.

Getting Involved

Not only can you support the school and students with your sponsorship – but you can join in on the fun! We would love to welcome parents and family members to attend the *Crazy Colour Day*. If you would like to volunteer on the day, please keep this in mind when we put a call out later in the term.

Ordering Prizes – ALL PRIZES MUST BE ORDERED ONLINE

Prizes MUST be ordered between the **15th of Nov** and **18th of Nov**. Simply visit schoolfunrun.com.au to create / log into your Profile Page between these dates. Then click on the 'CLAIM YOUR PRIZE' button and follow the prompts. If you have any questions, please contact the *School Fun Run* team on 1800 FUN RUN and they will gladly assist! We have only allowed 3 days to order prizes so we can ensure they arrive before the end of Term 4.

If prizes aren't your thing and you simply want to make a donation to MDS, please head on to QKR! And there is now a donation button there.

Thank you

The MDS Fundraising Team

CURRAMULKA LIGHT UP

Saturday 3rd December 2022

Curramulka Community Club

Street parade 6:30 pm from Hotel Corner

All participants Welcome - Assemble on Third Street by 6:15pm

Food, Drinks, Bar - Live Entertainment

Face Painting & Henna Tattoos - Giant Inflatable Slide

Bubble Disco - Glow Products

Markets - Train & Pony Rides

Photos with Santa in the Curry Cave

Town Light Display from 8:45pm



SANTA WANTS YOU!

**To join in the Fun of
Curramulka Light Up Parade
Saturday 3rd December**

**Assemble on Third Street
by 6.15 pm**

- Dress Up
- Make a Christmas Float
- Decorate your Bike
- Tie some tinsel on your dog!
- Have a vintage car?
- Promote your Business
or Group
- No age limitations

