



## DIARY DATES

### NOVEMBER 2022

#### November



22nd - YP Concert Band  
22nd - Primary Zoo Snooze  
23rd - Kindy Transition

December  
1st - Presentation Night (invitation only)  
2nd - Student Free Day

[\\*see attached full term Calendar](#)

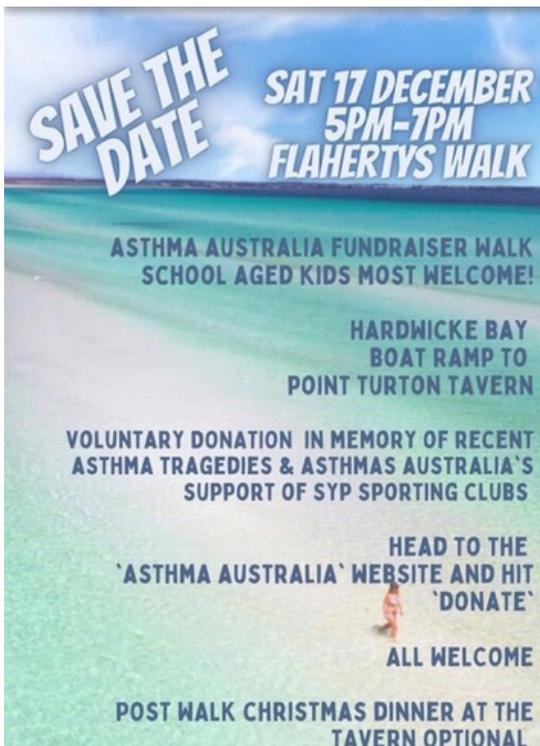
#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



#### A MESSAGE FROM ALI

What a weekend of wild and wintry weather we have just experienced! I know there are many far worse off, and many of our local farmers anxiously waiting to see what harvest will bring - when it comes - but our school did not go unscathed by the ravages of the most recent wind and rain. The metal frame of the shade structure which covers the 'fort' on the large nature play space completely sheared in a couple of places, and Tom has wrestled this week in bringing down the badly damaged fabric and the poles which were flying free. Two trees were uprooted, one adjacent the entrance path from the car park which many would have noticed on Monday morning, and the other over the 'stage' in the gully. Thankfully neither tree did damage to adjacent built structures, but Tom's chainsaw has had a good workout. We have asked children to keep clear of both the gully and nature play this week while we clear damage and debris and assess the structural soundness of remaining trees.

Isn't it wonderful when a community gets together to do something in the face of a recent event. On Saturday September 17th a walk has been planned to raise funds for Asthma Australia, on the beautiful Flaherty's Beach. An evening walk, it will begin at 5pm at the Hardwicke Bay boat ramp and conclude at Point Turton. I encourage anyone who is able, to join the walk. Or if unable to participate, to log in to the Asthma Australia website and donate to this cause. Please see the details on the flyer adjacent.



Our school, like many others in our state, is currently experiencing an increase in anti-social behaviour through students vaping. The toilets accessed by our senior and middle school students appear to have been the centre of the action, with numerous reports of students arranging 'toilet breaks' during class to indulge, or gathering in groups during lunch and recess. In recent weeks we have taken the step of locking these toilets during lesson times and asking students to use the toilets during break times only. Students who have an urgent need during the time between breaks are able to access the toilet at the Front Office. As students are always required to seek permission to be excused to use the toilet during class time, the only difference in this procedure is the location of the toilet and the inability to meet friends. It is regrettable that we have had to take this step, but trust that the inconvenience of the last fortnight might be the incentive needed to halt the inappropriate use of the toilet facilities in the future. We will try again to allow our students to demonstrate their respect for others.

The transition program for our new students in 2023 is well underway with students both at reception and middle school level having joined us for the last three Wednesdays. This week our 23 Receptions, with the help of some of our current 'gardeners' took to a bit of green thumb action and created a flower garden next to the senior building...in chalk. It was lovely to see them all being creative and sharing their wonderful drawings with everyone who passed.



Our Premier's Reading Challenge students this week received their various awards for meeting the challenge. This is a great program which encourages our children and young people to maintain a strong reading habit. Our Primary readers continue to astound me with their voracious reading appetites and once again, numerous crocodiles (cleverly disguised as pencils) have left the swamp in my office as children have hit century, double century and a number very close to triple century milestones! Congratulations to the following new crocodile wranglers: Rec Nate Modra, Oscar Bray, Maddi Warrior, Yr1 Judd Weir, Harper Maywald, Harry Bray, Yr2 Avalen Germaine, Amelia Cook, Tuleah Jeffrey, Evie May, Henry Slade, Yr 3 Bridget Cook, Tida Hoskin, Lachlan Lennerth, Yr 4 Henley Dutschke, Archie Cook, Halle May, Will McDonald. Well done to all of our readers who are strongly developing this life long skill.

*Ali*



'Be the change you want to see in the world'



## Library News

On Thursday November 10 we were thrilled to host the book launch for our very own Carol Wilkin's debut novel 'Shimmer'. Carol has been a mainstay of the MDS staff for many years and had already proven her prowess in a range of settings including Music, Home Economics, Science, Mathematics and of English - which it seems was one of the inspirations to write this book.



We had an excellent turnout of around 35 who enjoyed an enlightening talk from Carol and some lovely nibbles and refreshments. Carol's talk focused on the inspiration for her book and the next one she is working on and how she drew heavily on her own experiences of people and places growing up in a small English village. The audience were also fascinated hearing Carol speak about the process of self-publishing her book and I think there were more than a few who left with a little more optimism about the possibility of producing their own written work. Carol was thrilled to sell all of the available copies of her book and happily signed copies for the equally thrilled new owners.

'Shimmer' is a slow burning thriller set in two separate time periods in 1940s and 50s England. It is the story of a family who have experienced past tragedy and their journey to find answers before tragedy can strike them again. Copies of the book are available to purchase online and the library has a copy available to borrow.

One comment that resonated was when Carol said "I have sat as an SSO in so many year 11 English classes learning about literature and I thought 'I could do that!'" Many students have commented on how impressed they are at Carol writing a book and I hope that her boldness in pursuing this dream of hers will inspire some of our students to pursue their own.

Massive thanks go to Candy for organising so many of the logistics of the event. Thanks also go to Kirsty Champion for creating the edible 'shimmer wings' that were added to the cupcakes that Carol herself provided for the event. The staff of MDS congratulate Carol on her achievement and wish her all the best with her future forays in the literary field.

Keep turning pages everyone,

Mr Cook.



## Primary School News

### Performing Arts Evening

The students are continuing to prepare for the Performing Arts Night on Wednesday, the 7th of December. Each primary class will be presenting at least one performance. There is also at least one Middle School group of students who are keen to perform. Costume notes will be sent home in the next couple of weeks. Teachers will endeavour to keep costume requests simple. The Performing Arts evening will begin at 7pm.

### Transition

The Primary transition for 2023 lessons will occur on the 8th of December in the middle of the day. The children will visit the classes they will be in next year. The teachers will talk to them about some general expectations and work through any questions the students may have. The Yr 5s will spend some time in the Middle School and there will be a meeting after school for the Yr 5 parents in the Middle School building.

### The Reception class “En Safari”

In Spanish this term the Receptions are learning about safari animals and practising their names in Spanish. We have grouped them according to size - grande (big), mediano (medium) and pequeno (small) and talked about how they move vola (fly), corre (run) and galope (gallop).

We have put **puntos** on **el cheetah**, made **un leon** with a colourful **melen**a and made **una jirafa** with **un cuello largo**.





Reception  
SPANISH



## Middle School News

Although we are now in week 5 of term 4 the pace of learning and activities has not lessened. In the Middle School the trip to Adelaide is fast approaching, personal interest (PI) subjects are going strong with mid-term traffic light reports about to be published.

The Middle School trip is taking place in Week 8, Monday 5 December to Wednesday 7 December. Students not attending are expected to be at school and will undertake an alternative program linked to the Australian Curriculum. Below are key dates for form returns and payment:

- Room sharing preference and dietary requirement forms to be returned by Monday 21st November (week 6).
- Consent and behaviour expectations forms to be returned no later than Thursday 24th November (week 6).
- Full balance is paid in full no later than Monday 28th November (week 7).
- Packing lists and itinerary will be re-issued to students in week 6.

To re-iterate, mobile phones will be allowed on camp but under strict conditions as outlined in the behaviour expectations form and in other camp communications. Phones will only be used to take photos. There will be no gaming, social media, internet searching, movies or music allowed on the bus, during our activities nor in rooms. Devices will be locked-up each night. Any breaches of these expectations will find students not participating in activities and for serious behaviour breaches parents needing to pick up their child.

PI subjects happening this term include \$20 Boss, Metal Work, Racquet-Up, Clay-Mythology and Crazy Creatures. The money is flowing in \$20 Boss as orders have now been taken for a range of interesting products. Below is a snapshot of the businesses created by our entrepreneurial students. A full wrap up of their successes will be presented in a subsequent newsletter.



## THE POOPER TROOPERS

### ORGANIC FERTILISER CO.



## Middle School News - cont.

All creatures great, small and flat out just weird have come to life in Clay-Mythology and Crazy Creatures. Student imagination is running wild but constraints on design and structure are still followed to ensure a successful kiln firing. Metal has also got the heat treatment in Metal Work. Spot, fusion, braze and mig welding have occurred to build a range of fire BBQ plate stands, nut and bold owls, biscuit cutters and miniature army tanks. Racquet-Up has hit the courts with tennis taking centre stage. Skill development and robin competitions has provided opportunities for students to advance their games. Racquets have now been swapped for paddles with students finding table tennis requiring more finesse than power.

This week will complete mid-term progress report for students, to identify current academic progress. The reports can be accessed by students on Daymap in the records section and via the parent portal. The reports are in the form of a traffic light system with green reflecting that child is progressing well and is currently performing at standard or above. Orange shows that your child's learning is currently below standard and there are concerns about their progress, with red identifying that your child's learning is not yet at standard. 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 the reports. The document also provides an update on current attendance rates. The DfE has a goal of 95% attendance, so it would be great to see as many students as possible above this level.

Please get in contact with me if you have any questions/concerns/issues with anything throughout the year.

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Stephen Talbot

Middle School Coordinator



My name is Axl Williams and for the \$20 Boss PI subject I have created Dig This as a business. Dig This is a plant company based around restoring, revitalising, and rehoming old and neglected plants from office workspaces, garage sales and unkept gardens to give them a new life in another home.

I have done my research to know how much these plants at 'same size' sell for and have ensured that my plants are well under the commercial price range.

To identify and price my plants I have used the 'World Flora' identification app to the best of my abilities.

New plants will be added every few days so please come back and visit the website.

For more information go to <https://axlwilliamshunter.wixsite.com/dig-this>



## Senior School News

**Dates to be aware of for Year 10 & 11 students for the remainder of the year:**

- **Wednesday 23rd November. Final day to submit completed work experience forms**
- **Tuesday 29th November, 3pm. All final submissions for assessment in 2022**
- **Wednesday 30th November & Thursday 1st December. Senior school transition program (details below). The final formal day of 2022 senior school programs is Thursday 1st December.**
- **Monday 5th December – Friday 16th December – Work experience period OR attendance at school for Year 10/11 students who have not successfully completed their course requirements (note the details below)**

### **Transition:**

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 for all students undertaking Years 10, 11 & 12 next year.

Day one will involve an introduction to SACE/senior school and will outline requirements and expectations for students across all senior year levels. Also on day one will be workplace learning preparation and a research skills workshop. Day two will involve 2023 subject outlines, initial work for completion prior to the start of next year, compulsory CPC lessons and end of year procedures. During this period students will also receive all their workplace learning requirements for the following weeks.

### **Weeks 8 and 9 of the term:**

Weeks 8 & 9 of the term are allocated for work experience OR for students who require successful completion of courses not passed during the regular school year.

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. Students not undertaking a second week must arrange an exemption form from the front office, which must be returned by 23rd November. Year 9 students who are over the age of 15 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.

Students who have been unsuccessful in meeting course requirements: 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 identified 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 has already been made via email with parents and students who have been identified as at risk of not being successful.

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)

Glen White, Senior School Coordinator

## SAPSASA Cricket State Carnival

In Week 3, Angus Coote, Noah Macgowan and Darcy Walsh were the MDS representatives in the SYP SAPSASA cricket team that competed in the State Carnival. They were all valuable contributors in the SYP team that finished 6th for the week in Division 3.

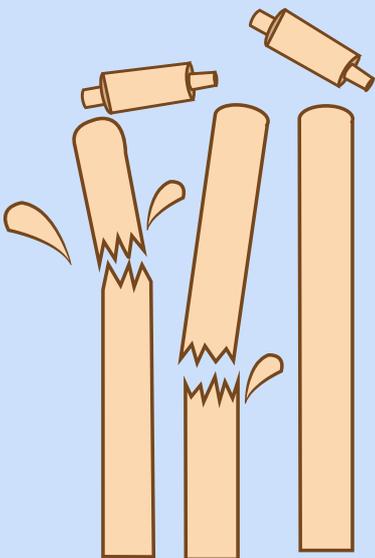
Unfortunately, the inclement weather on the first day resulted in the cancellation of the proposed matches. However, the team were able to compete in two matches of indoor cricket against teams in their division as a replacement activity for the day.

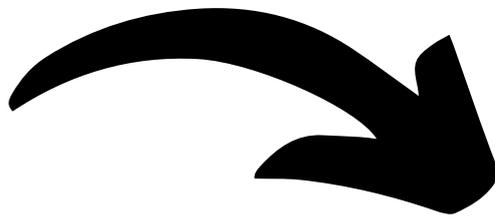
The weather fined up for the second day of the carnival with the boys taking on Western on a damp track in the parklands. The team managed 1/65 in their allotted 12 overs while Western were triumphant with a score of 3/96. The second match was a 20/20 tussle against Upper South East. Solid contributions with bat and ball from our crew enabled the team to register a hard-fought victory by 9 runs - 9/125 to 8/114.

The final day of the carnival saw SYP take on Tea Tree Gully in the 5th place playoff match. Chasing a total of 185, the SYP boys fell agonisingly short by 7 runs - 185 to 178.

Well done to Angus, Noah and Darcy on their week, their coach Nathan Wright for his organisation and to the boys' parents for their support during the week.

Josh Coombe  
Primary Sports Coordinator





*Friday 18th  
tomorrow!*

**PRIZE  
ORDERING IS  
CLOSING SOON**



Claim Your Prize Here:  
**[schoolfunrun.com.au](http://schoolfunrun.com.au)**

## **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**



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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.

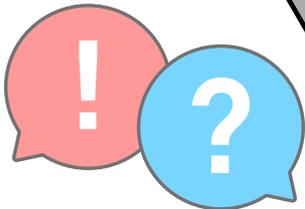


# CLASSROOM SUPPORT VACANCY



**Minlaton  
District School**  
*'By Deeds Not Words'*

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



Family Information?



Mobile Numbers?



Emergency Contacts?



Residential/ Postal Address ?



Email Address?

# 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

# 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

