
NEWSLETTER

Issue 1, Term 1, 2024

Murray Bridge North School

North Tce, Murray Bridge, SA 5253 T: 8532 3055 F: 8531 0004

W: www.mbnorthps.sa.edu.au

E: dl.0299_admin@schools.sa.edu.au

PRINCIPAL REPORT.

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome back to everyone and a special welcome to all of the new receptions and new families and students who have either begun their school life at Murray Bridge North School or have moved to the school recently. I feel quite proud to have all of you with us and that we are part of your education journey. I would like to begin with a small introduction from myself.

I grew up in the northern suburbs of Adelaide, completing my schooling and beginning university study here before moving to the Northern Territory to begin my teaching career. I worked as a Teacher, Coordinator, Deputy Principal and Principal over a 12 year period. The Territory provided me with many diverse experiences, including gaining an understanding and appreciation of the Aboriginal culture and beliefs, which I am very grateful for. I then moved back to South Australia in 2012 to be closer to extended family.

I have since worked as a Deputy Principal at West Beach Primary School, Assistant Principal at Angle Vale Primary School, Principal at Craigmore South Primary School, Kapunda Primary School and finally, Murray Bridge South Primary School for the past 4 years. Each experience has enabled me to develop and expand my leadership skills and expertise and now have I arrived at Murray Bridge North School



Upcoming Events

For more events see planner

12th February

Student Free Day

4th March

Australian Dental Foundation program

Reading is our School Priority

Every child attending North School is expected to read aloud to an adult every day.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

More important information

I would like to thank the school community for the warm welcome I have received. Also, I would like to take this opportunity to thank James Parkin (former principal), Michelle Kershaw, Amanda Rankine, Amanda Johns, Gill Ayres, Olivia Sawley and the wonderful teachers and SSOs for the work they have done in preparing the school for 2024. They have also been amazing as I transition to Murray Bridge North, with their wealth of experience and knowledge of the school and community.

Welcome New Staff and Returning Staff

It is with great pleasure that I welcome a number of staff to Murray Bridge North School this year.

Some of you may have met our New Deputy Principal Michelle Kershaw last year however, I would like to officially welcome her to North School. She comes with a wealth of curriculum and teaching knowledge, having worked in a number of schools and as a Curriculum Leader within the Education Department.

Our new teachers are Candice Perkins (Year 5) and Judy Griffiths (Year 6). We also welcome back Nicole Clothier (Year 2), Toni Curtis (Year 2/3) and Maddie Cuevas (Year 1).

Welcome to Elishia Buscumb and Penny Attrill as SSOs, working across the site supporting our teachers and students.

We are extremely lucky to have each of them with us this year, sharing their knowledge, skills and experience. Please make them feel welcome.



Notes From North

School Times

Please be reminded that school is unsupervised before 8:30am. We ask that students do not arrive before this time.

Head Lice

Please remember to check your child's hair for headlice and treat them before sending them to school.

UNIFORM

Just a reminder of our school uniform policy. All students need to be in school uniform. Lost property is located in the bins near the library. Please name all items.

School Zones

Reminder It's 25km/h when children are present



Our School Values

We value **C**ooperation **A**chievement **R**espect and **E**ncouragement (CARE) as our school values. Teachers have been working with their students to consider what each of those values means in their classroom and throughout the school.

Acquaintance Night 13th February

There will be an Acquaintance evening to meet your children's teacher on Tuesday the 13th of February. The school will put on a free sausage sizzle and supervise students in the JP playground area while you have a short information session with the teacher and other parents.

The classroom open times are as follows-

- 4:30pm Receptions and Year 1
- 4:45pm Year 2 and Year 3
- 5:00pm Year 4 and Year 5
- 5:15pm Year 6

I look forward to meeting many of you during the evening.

Student Free Days and School Closure

On **Monday 12th February the school will be closed** so that all staff can participate in professional learning with the Berry Street Childhood Institute. The day will cover a very intense program around curriculum, classroom strategies and the principles of the Berry Street Education Model. Our OSHC is open for your convenience. To book in call 0417 825 455.

This year our Student Free Days and School Closure day are

Term 1- 12 February

Term 2- 7 June

Term 3- 29 July

Term 3- 6 September (School Closure)

Term 4- 15 November

Making a booking to meet with School Leadership

We value the importance of meeting face to face when/if significant concerns arise, but it is important that these meetings are planned, relevant information is available and sufficient time is set aside.

Parents/caregivers are asked to contact the front office (in person or via phone) if you wish to meet with a leader. The front office staff will make a booking, ideally within 24 hours, and will confirm via text/phone call, the time of the scheduled meeting.

We would respectfully ask parents/caregivers not to come to the front office expecting to meet with a leader—schools are busy places and so if you wish to speak with a leader, you need to make a booking.

Please Note: Classroom teacher should also be the first point of contact in relation to matters that directly affect your child. Thank you for your co-operation
I look forward to a wonderful year ahead and having the opportunity of meeting and speaking with you all.

Nathan Taylor

Principal

Murray Bridge North School

Department for Education |

† 08 8532 3055 | w www.mbnorthps.sa.edu.au



Proudly accredited
by White Ribbon



Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development

Are you eligible for a school card?
School card needs to be applied for every year.
School card can be applied online at:

www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

Paper copies of the forms will be available from the Front Office at the school if you are unavailable to do the online application.

Please contact Vanessa Williams—0885323055



YOU MUST APPLY EVERY YEAR AT EACH SCHOOL YOU HAVE STUDENTS ATTENDING

All types of School Card applications ARE NOW ONLINE

You can access the online forms from any device that gets internet, including mobile devices, such as tablets and smart phones, as well as laptops and computers.

Applying online is easy! Simply follow the steps below.

- STEP 1** Visit sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard
- STEP 2** Select the type of School Card you would like to apply for (for example 'Type A') and follow the prompts.
- STEP 3** Complete all mandatory fields.
- STEP 4** Once you have complete the page click on the 'NEXT' button.
- STEP 5** Once you have filled out all pages click the 'SUBMIT' button.
Please note: If you exit the form without clicking 'SUBMIT' your details will be lost.

You can save the form, and return to complete it at another time, by clicking on the 'SAVE' button.

Paper copies of the forms will be available from the Front Office at the school if you are unavailable to do the online application.

Please contact Vanessa Williams—0885323055



School Volunteers

We are excited to be able to welcome back volunteers to our school this year. We greatly value the contribution of volunteers and recognise the impact it has on our school community. Volunteering is a great way for parents, carers, and members of the local community to make a difference in students' education.

There are many opportunities to volunteer at MBSPS, including:

- Accompanying excursions and camps
- Listening to students read
- Assisting in Breakfast Club
- General gardening and grounds maintenance
- Making resources in classrooms
- Library support including covering and cataloguing books
- Officiating events at Sports Day

The process of becoming a volunteer is as follows:

- Step 1 – A completed and submitted Application form – obtained from the Front Office
- Step 2 - Screening and Checks – It is a requirement that all volunteers have a current: Working with Children Check (the responsibility of the volunteer), Response to Abuse & Neglect Certificate (online course completed at Induction)
- Step 3 – Induction – to be completed at Induction workshop with Deputy Principal

Once we have received a number of applications, an induction date will be set and volunteers will be invited to attend.

For further information please contact Michelle Kershaw (Deputy Principal) at the school on 8532 3055.

<http://www.mbnorthps.sa.edu.au/>



Non Department for Education (incl. NDIS) Support Services 2024

25/01/2024

Dear Parent &/or Caregivers,

At Murray Bridge North School, we value the work therapists do with our students and families. As educators, we are aware that many different skills impact on a student's access to the educational/ school curriculum and that best outcomes for students occur in a collaborative teamwork approach, in which therapists, families, teachers and other specialists work together to assist students to generalise and maintain skills as they are learned.

Non DfE Support Services (incl. NDIS Providers) are able to work onsite from Week 3 (February 13th, 2024) provided -


- An Information Sharing Consent has been signed and returned (attached).
- The Therapist signs and returns a Non DfE Support Services Information and Agreement Form and provides relevant information (attached). **Please note:** *NDIS Providers have been notified about this process and requirement via email.*

The aim of the Non DfE Support Services Information and Agreement is to:

- Ensure that we are aware of the number of providers onsite and resources available to accommodate their work.
- Ensure that students are accessing their required DfE learning time.
- Ensure a safe environment for all students, families, school staff and service providers.
- Improve collaboration and support in place for students. Resulting in improved consistency in communication, alignment and balance between Educational Outcomes and Therapeutic Outcomes.

If you have any questions or concerns in relation to collaborating with us, please feel free to contact me.

Kind Regards,



Nathan Taylor
Principal



Amanda Johns
Assistant Principal

<http://www.mbnorthps.sa.edu.au/>



Murray Bridge North School

If you wish for your child to access their NDIS Therapeutic Sessions at School in 2024 (Week 3 onward), please fill in and return the following information, along with a copy of your child's current NDIS Plan (if applicable) to the front office before therapeutic sessions are negotiated and commence at school.

Child's Name (full): _____ **DOB** _____

NDIS Plan Start Date: _____ **NDIS Plan Review Date:** _____

I/We.....(Parent/Caregiver)
of.....(address)
request the Minister for Education through the Principal of **Murray Bridge North School** to allow my/our child/children to receive supports/services provided by a non-Education service provider on the school premises during school hours.

IF my/our request is granted, I consent for the following NDIS Providers to work with my/our child/children on Murray Bridge North School premises in an area nominated by the school, during school hours. I give permission for the NDIS Providers listed to communicate and release information with the Department for Education and Child Development &/or Murray Bridge North School. I understand that the information will only be used to plan the most appropriate program to assist my child's education and that all information will be treated with respect for me and my child's privacy in all situations, unless there is risk of serious harm (as outlined in SA Government's Information Sharing Guidelines). I understand that if there are concerns in regards to safety that NDIS Provider Sessions will cease temporarily to ensure appropriate follow up.

Parent/Caregiver Name _____ **Date** _____

Parent Caregiver Signature _____

NDIS Provider Details – if unknown at this stage please provide organisational &/or role details.

Name	Role	Organisation	Email Address &/or Phone Number

Comments &/or Concerns:
.....

<http://www.mbnorthps.sa.edu.au/>



How Can I Register My Child/Children?

Simply complete then return copies of the:

- 'Patient Details & Medical History' form
- 'DBS Patient Bulk Billing' form

within the envelope they came in to your child's school/site prior to the deadline. The school/site will then liaise directly with the ADF team to arrange a suitable day to visit.

What Treatment May Be Provided Through Our Program?

Your child's general dental care may include:

- An Oral Examination (minimum requirement); and, where clinically necessary, one or more of the following services:
 - X-Rays
 - Cleaning
 - Fluoride Treatment
 - Dietary Advice
 - Oral Hygiene Instruction
- Follow up visits for general dental services such as fillings, fissure seals and extractions.

Is There A Cost For The Check-Up?

*Check-Ups and treatment performed at your child's school, pre-school or kindergarten are at **NO OUT OF POCKET EXPENSE** to children (or the school/site).

Can I Attend My Child's Appointment?

We are more than happy for parents to attend their child's appointment. If you would like to do so, please tick the box indicating this when you complete the Patient Details & Medical History form for your child.

STUDENT FREE DAY

MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

NO SCHOOL
OSHC IS OPEN FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

TO BOOK IN CALL
0417 825 455

MURRAY BRIDGE NORTH SCHOOL

Compared To Other Dental Services ADF Delivers:


	Traditional Dental Service	Other Mobile Dental Programs	ADF 'My School Dentist' Program
Mobile Service	✗	✓	✓
Qualified Dentists and Dental Clinicians	✓ + Assistant	?	✓ + Assistant
No Out Of Pocket Cost For All Patients	✗	✗	✓
Provide Oral Health Education	✓	?	✓
Cost to School/Site	Not Applicable	?	\$0
Charitable Organisation	✗	✗	✓

TERM 1 KEY DATES

FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 29 January	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 8 March	NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY 22 March
SAFER INTERNET DAY 6 February	ADELAIDE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY 11 March	EASTER BREAK 29 March to 1 April
ADELAIDE FRINGE FESTIVAL 16 February to 17 March	NAPLAN 13 to 25 March	WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY 2 April
SCHOOLS' CLEAN UP DAY 1 March	HARMONY WEEK 20 to 26 March	DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS 7 April
ADELAIDE FESTIVAL 1 March to 17 March	NATIONAL CLOSE THE GAP DAY 21 March	LAST DAY OF TERM 1 12 April

Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Term 1 Planner

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	29/1 First Day of Term 1	30/1	31/1	1/2	2/2
2	5/2	6/2	7/2	8/2	9/2
3	12/2 Student Free Day (NO SCHOOL)	13/2 Acquaintance Night	14/2	15/2	16/2
4	19/2	20/2	21/2	22/2	23/2
5	26/2	27/2	28/2	29/2	1/3 School Clean Up Day
6	4/3 Australian Dental Foundation	5/3	6/3	7/3	8/3
7	11/3 Adelaide Cup Day Public Holiday	12/3	13/3	14/3	15/3
8	18/3	19/3	20/3	21/3 	22/3
9	25/3	26/3	27/3	28/3 Sports Day	29/3 Good Friday
10	1/4 Easter Monday	2/4	3/4	4/4	5/4 Back Up Sports Day
11	8/4	9/4	10/4	11/4	12/4 Last Day of Term 1 Early Dismissal 2:10pm

MURRAY BRIDGE NORTH SCHOOL OSHC & VACATION CARE

North Tce, Murray Bridge SA 5253

Director: Berreena Carver

Open 6:15am -6:30pm Weekdays

Phone: 8531 0179 or 0417 825 455

Before School, After School, Student Free Day or
Vacation Care Programs

We offer quality care with fun activities,
friendships, games, arts, crafts, great food and
special events all in a comfortable home like
environment at competitive prices.



Attention North School Parents!

Welcome back to another exciting year of Book Club. Catalogues for Issue 1 "Kick Start Reading For 2024" will be coming home with your child soon. You can also use this link to view the catalogue online. <https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/book-club/>

Rachael Nulty
MBNS Book Club Organiser

GREAT OFFERS FOR FIRST IN A SERIES!

505 WeirDo \$15.99 SAVE 81% \$3	506 Double Dare You \$14.99 SAVE 80% \$3	507 Cat of Death! \$16.99 SAVE 82% \$3	508 The Dragonet Prophecy \$17.99 SAVE 83% \$3
--	---	---	---

Book Club rewards your School!

Every purchase you make earns your child's school 25% of your order value in Scholastic Rewards that can be used to purchase valuable educational resources that benefit your child.

- Families order from Book Club.
- The school earns Scholastic Rewards.
- The school redeems Scholastic Rewards for additional resources.

LOOK out for the QR codes in each issue!

**PLEASE REMEMBER
WE ONLY USE LOOP
TO ORDER!!
Orders due: Friday,
16th February 2024
by 3pm.**

GET \$5 CREDIT to spend on the next issue with orders \$35 and over!

Keep the Reading Rolling!

1 ISSUE 2024 Book Club **PULL OUT POSTER HANG ME UP IN YOUR CLASSROOM!**

Kick-start Reading for 2024

Try these **JAW-SOME** new books!

**ORDERS DUE BY:
3pm Friday 16th
February**