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

IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT
Parents/carers now have the option to contact the school on 0418809115 and leave a voice or text message if their child is absent or late. Please include your name, your child's name, class and the reason for absence. A note in your child's diary or communication book when they return to school is also required.

CANTEEN NEWS
When students only remember lunch orders at 12:40, it is not possible to provide a range of items. For this reason students with late lunch orders can only be provided with a sandwich of their choice.

CONTACTING STUDENTS
If it is necessary to get a message to your child before hometime, we ask that you contact us before lunch dismissal time at 12:50pm. Students/Classes are sometimes difficult to locate after lunch as many students are involved in other activities.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL
Please note that NO medication at all (including Panadol) can be administered at school by school staff without a Medication Form signed by a doctor. Medication must be submitted in original chemist packet. Forms are available from our office.

Look for our webpage http://www.mbnorthps.sa.edu.au and like us on Facebook!

From the Principal …

TALENT NIGHT
Year 4 Girls Dance Troupe leapt from the stage to the floor of the gym with such energy, rhythm and enjoyment. Our leading didgeridoo players had us captivated with their circular breathing and animal noises. Last Tuesday’s Talent Night was the best I have been to! MBNS Wind Ensemble has grown over the years. As one parent said “I could have listened to the Celtic whistle players all night, they played so beautifully.” From dancers to guitarists, from African drummers to full kit drummers, from the Nunga choir to the Festival of Music Choir, all the performers were a hit with the audience. Many thanks to Ruth Galpin, Cass Crichton, Emma Waldron, Andrew McNicol and the Media Team for organising the night.

We say a very sad farewell to Andrew McNicol at the end of this year. Andrew has been the impetus and the energy that has evolved our Performing Arts Program over the last 15 years. Andrew’s passion for students’ engagement and learning in The Arts started with dance, didge and drums and has grown into the long list of opportunities currently accessed by our students.

Thank you are two very small words that hold an enormous amount of feeling. I’m sure the whole school community join me in saying thank you to Andrew and wishing him all the best for his next adventure.

OUR STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY
This year many of our students have been to University and on Wednesday another group is heading there! Earlier in the year all our Year 1 students went to Adelaide Uni and participated in the Tentastic Maths programme. This programme is to let students have a ‘taste’ of Uni and see it as a definite future pathway. During Term 3, our Year 6 students went to the Waite Institute to see the work they are doing on sustainable food sources in Australia. On their return the students devised, completed and presented experiments on plants and how to get better yields. They presented their findings using data and graphs to parents, staff and Uni staff last week. Year 7 students went to Flinders Uni during their camp in week 2 of this term. They were involved in a range of experiences from lecture halls to science labs and noticed the wide range of futures that Uni can offer them. Tomorrow we take our ICAS Maths participants to Flinders Uni. They should see the 3D printer in operation and discover the opportunities Uni can offer them.
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**STUDENT AWARD**

Congratulations to Steven who was nominated by the Murray Bridge North School Aboriginal Education Team for the PaCE (Parent and Community Development) award - for a Year 7 student who has made a positive change towards their schooling.

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**Blue Light Christmas Disco**

*Friday 27 Nov 5.30pm to 7.30pm*

@ The Station, Railway Tce, Murray Bridge

Ages 5-15 years.

DJ Steve Murphy from PowerFM

$5 Entry

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**Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday**
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23 | 24 PS Swimming | 25 PS Swimming | 26 PS Swimming | 27 PS Swimming
24 | PS Swimming Parent Club Reception Transition | JP Dad’s night $30 in building 6. Toy making/painting RSVP Mr. Dickinson | PS Swimming Assembly 1:40 pm to celebrate and reward Pedal Prix participants | PS Swimming
30 | PS Swimming | Yr 7-8 Transition @MBHS Gov. Council 6:00pm | 2 PS Swimming 5:30pm RAN and volunteer induction for Dads: RSVP Ms. Cameron or Mr. Dickinson. *ATSI students Yr 7-8 | PS Swimming
7 | Year 2 Graduation 5 – 7 pm | Volunteer morning tea Year 7 Graduation | Picnic at pool Yrs 3-7 | Whole School assembly 11:45am – 11:45am End of year dismissal 2-10pm. 2016 School resumes Monday, 1st February
8 | | | Casual Day |
Material and Services Charge (School Fees) – 2016

Each year the Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) determines how much schools are entitled to charge parents and caregivers for their children attending school.

The amount we ask parents to pay is the recommended level of payment and this forms a key part of our budgeting.

The amount that DECD allows us to charge students for attending this school and access our materials and services is $229.00. This is an increase of $3 on this year.

We use this ‘Materials and Services’ money to meet key costs in the school including books, writing materials plus costs associated with the internet and photocopying materials for learning.

Should there be any questions or issues with the Materials and Services Charge, there is an opportunity for parents and caregivers to raise these at a meeting at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday the 1st December, 2015 at the school.

In lieu of attendance at the meeting, parents and carers are invited to express their views in writing addressed to the Principal marked “Confidential – Materials and Services”.

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These subject charges are in addition to the Materials and Services Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.
Murray Bridge North OSHC Facts

The Murray Bridge North OSHC opened in November 1990 and operates from a century old home within the grounds of the North School. This building was the first public school which was built on goldfields and opened in 1912. The room at the southern end was the school room while the remainder of the building was used as the teachers residence. After the school expanded the building became the school Headmasters residence. When the school was built some of the base stones were removed. Each stone was originally hand carved with the initials and date of the carver being found on the bottom of each stone. There was a cellar in the bathroom which was used to dry grapes. There was an orchard where the Special School stands and an old Walnut tree nearby. During the holidays the water from the pool was drained and let run down through the orchard to water it. In recent years OSHC has done many renovations to the grand old house. It remains a comfortable inviting place for the North School OSHC to call home.

Book Now for December/January Vacation Care

Lots of great things to do so come along and Join in the fun...
Make sure you are enrolled , fill in the Booking sheet, and return it.

December/January Vacation Care Dates
M - F 14th—18th Dec 2015
M - W 21st—23rd Dec 2015
M - F 11th—15th Jan 2016
M - F 18th—22nd Jan 2016
Mon. 25th Jan 2016
W - F 27th—29th Jan 2016

School Commences:
Monday 1st February 2016