From the Principal …

Term four is a very busy time for teachers, students and families. You can see from this newsletter how much is happening!

Gala Day
Last Friday 18/11 was our annual Gala Day. Students, teachers and parents across all year levels ran activity and food stalls. Students from our Performing Arts Program showcased their music and dance. It was a fantastic day. Great to see so many parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and past students on the day. Stay tuned for the final announcement of how much was raised.

Student Free Day
This Friday 25/11 is a Student Free Day. Our staff will be looking at our 2016 reading and maths data then discussing ‘what does this tell us’ and ‘where to next?’

Talent Night
Our annual Talent Night will be held next Tuesday 29/11 from 7pm – 9pm in the Performing Arts / Gymnasium. Those programmed to perform early in the night are required to be at the gym by 6:30pm. The night is always a great showcase of our students music and dance talents and is thoroughly enjoyed each year by all in attendance. It is also a good time for parents to show their children what good audience skills look like. Entry is by gold coin donation and supports the Arts Program. Drinks will be available on the night.

Junior Primary Concert
Our Junior Primary Concert will be on Monday 5th December starting with a sausage sizzle from 5pm till 5.45pm outside the Performing Arts / Gymnasium. The concert will begin at 6pm. All students from Reception to Year 2 will be performing. This will also include the Year 2 Graduation. Parents are requested to stay for the whole event.

Kindy Transition
We met our 2017 Reception students on 9/11 when they had their first school visit. They were an excited group who are ready to start the next stage of their education. Their next visit is on Wednesday 30/11 when parents are welcome to be part of the school tour and see all our facilities.

Year 7 Transition
Our Year 7 students will visit Murray Bridge High School on Tuesday 6th December. They will spend the day attending classes, touring the facilities, meeting teachers and asking questions about their next level of schooling. Year 11 students will be their guides.

Remembrance Day
On Friday 11th of November at 11am we held our Remembrance Day Ceremony. Staff and students paid their respects to the fallen. Our students behaviour was exceptional and thanks go to Meg Maxwell for her organisation of the event. Thanks also to our visitors, Malcolm who recited The Ode and The Reflection; to Rod Williams for playing the trumpet and for all who laid wreaths on behalf of our community.
Just Too Deadly Awards

The National Just Too Deadly Awards are an annual celebration of Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander achievements in music, sport, art, health and education. On Friday 11th of November the award ceremony was held in the Murray Bridge Town Hall. We celebrated 8 ATSI students moving on to high school. In particular Blake Lloyd was recognised for extra achievement in all he does outside of school. Jeff McCormack was recognised for his overall contribution to School and the community. Our ATSI TEAM were awarded the overall best school attendance award. Congratulations to everyone.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen

Plans for our kitchen have been drawn up and will soon be out to tender. This project has been several years in the making and we look forward to having a working kitchen that a class of students can use.

STEM plans

Plans for the STEM – Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics renovation are moving forward. Minor changes have been made to refine the plans. We are now awaiting DECD Central Office to move it forward.

School Sores

There have been cases of school sores (impetigo) diagnosed in our school community. They are highly infectious. Please keep an eye on your children and if concerned take them to the chemist or doctor immediately. School sores are easily treated with antibiotics and need to be covered until completely healed.

Regards,
Kay

We would like to thank all our volunteers by inviting you to our Volunteers Morning Tea

Where ~ Murray Bridge North School Library

Monday ~ 5/12/16
Time ~ 10:40am

“It’s almost summer, time to find out what my friends with pools have been up to since last summer!”

Summer is just weeks away and after an unseasonably cool spring it’s time for sandcastles at the beach, splashing in the pool and getting active on the river!

Whatever your plans to keep cool this summer, we hope VACSWIM SA classes are at the top of the list for vital water safety, survival and swimming lessons for your children. Registrations close 19 December (which is just around the corner!) so register today for peace of mind that your children will be equipped with all the skills they need to stay safe by the water this summer.
Team Awesome (4.12)

Our unit of inquiry this Term is *What is in the ocean?*

In Literacy Team Awesome are learning about what is in the ocean by reading fiction and non-fiction books. They are recording factual information about hermit crabs, fish and octopuses.

The students are also writing recounts and persuasive texts on fictional books such as *The Rainbow Fish*, *Gentle Giant Octopus*, *One Smart Fish* and many more.

In Crabby Math's students are sorting, grouping and graphing a range of sea animals and are answered questions to understand what is being graphed. They are also describing the features of coins and naming them. Some students are engaging in Natural Math’s problems by working out the cost of crabs counting by 10’s.

Through song and play students are continuing learning about what is in the ocean. It is great to hear them sing and talk about a range of animals and items that live there. For Gala Day we all dressed up as Pirates to go with the term’s theme.

Everyone is enjoying the hands on approach of making a range of sea animals to make more meaning from the learning. The students are really enjoying creating their own ocean.
4.9

Year 2 Swimming

This week we have been going to swimming lessons at the Murray Bridge Swimming Pool.

In swimming we have been...

* doing Survival Backstroke
* practising torpedoes
* diving for toys
* all sorts of floating
* blowing bubbles
* practising on side of pool
* diving through hoops
* breathing arm
* bubble arm
* teddy bear hug on board
* chicken, aeroplane crash
* marshmallow roll
* whole breath swim
* Kangaroo hop
* sitting on bottom of pool
* running to other side
* 5Ls underwater
Our class has been learning about Picasso and trying to imitate his style of artwork.

These are abstract self-portraits by Saxen, Blake, Emily, Kailey, Ben, Kiara P, Syriana and Shontae
We have also been writing Poetry and these are some of our final pieces.

This work is by Tahlia, Kalen and Saxen.
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**Murray Bridge North School OSHC**

**Before School, After School and Vacation Care Programs.**

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**ScallyWags Play Cafe**

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10am to 5pm

*Hours may be subject to change

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