
NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL REPORT.

Hi Murray Bridge North families,

TESTING TIMES

We're in a testing flurry over the next few weeks. No, not for Covid (touch wood) but significant testing of Reading, Writing and Spelling for our students. The year 1s are doing their "Phonics Checklist" tests, the years 1 to 7 are doing the national online PAT tests and all classes are doing a "Running Record" of where reading is up to. All classes years 1 to 7 are also doing a Writing test!

Whew!

We're quite excited about the testing results because, with a change in approach to teaching Reading and Spelling over the last year, we're hoping for evidence of even greater growth in our student results.

STAFF TRAINING DAY NEXT MONDAY

All staff are participating in training next Monday about how best to look after and teach students who have experienced trauma in their lives. This will enable us to develop practices that will help children settle in, engage with their class mates and their learning and move towards being successful at school.

That means NO students will be at school next Monday 31st August as it will be a pupil-free day.

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Upcoming Events

For more events see planner

31st August
STUDENT FREE DAY

28th -30th
October

Woodhouse Camp

Reading is
our School
Priority

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



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Department for Education

More important information

MAGPIES SWOOPING

It's that time of year!!! A magpie is swooping at students on the lower oval so the oval is closed for this brief nesting season for few weeks.

SPORTS DAY PRACTICE

Classes are getting ready for our PE activities Day in a few weeks. Thank you to families for your understanding about parents and carers not attending during this Covid-risk time. Hopefully next year we can make it a really big Sports day.

SCHOOL REFURBISHMENT

Thank you to the parents and carers who have given some feedback about parts of the school they've noticed needing refurbishment. The areas suggested include toilets, playgrounds and stairs, undercover areas and general grounds upgrades. All suggestions are on the list to give to the architects when we meet with them in the next few weeks.

To: Parent and Carers of children and young people with disability

Disability Policy and Programs

SEPTEMBERFEST of Parent webinars and workshops

Read about how to log in or register on <http://web.seru.sa.edu.au>

- Tuesday 8th September 2020 two separate webinars 11:00 to 12:00 Interoception Parent/Caregiver booklet and Student Support Services making connections
- Wednesday 16th September 2020 at SERU from 11:00 to 12:00 a workshop on Post School Options for young people with disability
- Tuesday 22nd September 2020 at SERU from 11:00 to 12:00 a workshop on Social Skills

Preschool and school will receive information through Linked this week to share with their communities.

Any questions on any of the topics to be presented can be forwarded to our mailbag at Education.

ParentForumConference@sa.gov.au

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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



Student Learning

In 2.1 we have been looking at Australia's nearest neighbours over the last two weeks as part of our Geography studies. We have examined how different countries such as Papua New Guinea, New Zealand and Indonesia have many things about them that are similar to things in Australia, and many things, such as laws and foods that can be quite different.

In Art this week we have started working on our Wayang shadow puppets which are a very popular form of entertainment in Indonesian culture. Students will be using these later when completed to create their own short puppet plays.





High School Transition Information Night 2020

Staff from the high school will be at North School to hold introduction meetings for families to access information about the high school and the transition process.

At these meetings there will be a number of staff from Murray Bridge High School speaking on a variety of topics including the transition process, navigating the school's website as well as hearing from the Principal Ruth Mussger, Deputy Principal Paula Haesy, the Year 8 Year Level Leader Ty Burkett and others. Time will be given at the end should a parent wish to speak with an individual MBHS staff member.

The venues, dates and times are as follows:

24th August – Myponga Primary School at 5.30 pm

24th August – Murray Bridge North Primary School at 7.15 pm

31st August – Tailem Bend Primary School at 5.30 pm

31st August – Murray Bridge South Primary School at 7.15 pm

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



School Coronavirus Rules



**Only staff permitted on Site
during School hours**

with exception of

**One adult at Drop-off or Pick-up for Reception, year
1 or Special Options students if needed.**

Only Staff allowed in classes

HELP KEEP OUR SCHOOL COVID FREE

**JERVOIS
CRICKET CLUB**
Jervois Cricket Club
are looking for players for season

2020/21.

We have positions for ALL ages and skill level
So why not come out for a hit, a catch and most
of all FUN! Join us for our registration day on

Sunday 6th September

BBQ and drinks available.

Come out, see some new faces and
of course, the odd old one too.

Give cricket a crack, you never know

You might enjoy it.

For more info call: Jarrad 0400 048 968

Daniel 0466 304 092



Parking Around Schools

Due to the chaotic nature of traffic around schools at peak times, streets can be an extremely dangerous place for children.

Young children have not yet fully developed their cognitive abilities and therefore their perception, judgement and awareness of potentially dangerous situations is not adequately developed to enable them to cope with the road traffic.

Children are not easily visible and often act impulsively, which means if you are driving around a school take special care, to ensure we keep our children safe. Remember that children copy grown-ups - encourage good road sense by watching them closely and leading by example.

5 Helpful Tips for School Zones

As parents and caregivers we have a great responsibility to ensure children stay safe in school zones. We also play a key role in educating children about road safety.

Here are 5 helpful tips for safety in school zones:

1. Allow enough time to take your child to the school gate safely and without rushing.
2. Always observe parking signs and speed limits in and around school zones. They are designed to keep your child safe.
3. Talk about signs and traffic lights with your child. Identify and discuss places where it is safe to get out of the car and cross the road.
4. Teach your child how to cross the road using the 'stop, look and listen' process - stop at the kerb, look and listen for traffic and then decide whether it is safe to cross.
5. Park a few streets away and walk your child to school. This is also good exercise and helps teach your child road safety rules.

Behaviours to Avoid

- Speeding
- Double Parking
- Parking too close to an intersection
- Parking across driveways
- Parking too close to pedestrian crossings



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MBNS Term 2 Planner

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
1	20/7 STUDENT FREE DAY	21/7	22/7	23/7	24/7	25/7-26/7 Pedal Prix 6hr Race at Victoria Park (CANCELLED)
2	27/7	28/7	29/7	30/7	31/7	1/8-2/8
3	3/8	4/8 School Photos	5/8	6/8 Back up School Photos	7/8	8/8-9/8
4	10/8	11/8	12/8	13/8	14/8	15/8-16/8
5	17/8	18/8	19/8	20/8	21/8	22/8-23/8
6	24/8	25/8	26/8	27/8	28/8	29/8-30/8
7	31/8 STUDENT FREE DAY	1/9	2/9	3/9	4/9	5/9-6/9
8	7/9	8/9	9/9	10/9	11/9	12/9-13/9 24Hr Pedal Prix Race (CANCELLED)
9	14/9	15/9	16/9	17/9	18/9	19/9-20/9
10	21/9	22/9	23/9	24/9	25/9 Last Day Of School Early Dismissal 2:10pm	26/9-27/9

Murray Bridge North School OSHC

Before School, After School and
Vacation Care Programs.

Catering for your needs on your local school site

Open daily 630am and close 6.30pm

This service will operate a 6am start if there is a demand. Please contact the service or school to register your interest.



Quality care, competitive prices,
fun activities, friends to be made, games, arts, crafts, good food and special events all
in a home like environment.

Contact OSHC 08 85310179 or 0417825455