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# NEWSLETTER

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### PRINCIPAL REPORT.

#### Harmony day Spectacular

How good does the school fence look? Thanks to all the classes who decorated the material panel with Harmony Day colours and hand prints which the Aboriginal Education team and Well Being Team hung on the fence this week.

What an amazing job our classes did on their Harmony Day art and it was lovely to see so many people in orange. Well done everyone.



#### Social Media, Games and School Success.

As classes have settled into the year, all teachers have been pleased with the manner in which students are engaging with their Year 5 and Year 6 learning. There are big goals ahead and we are determined to give our students the best learning they can receive.



### Upcoming Events

For more events see planner

**8th April**

Sports Day

**14th April**

Last Day of Term

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Reading is  
our School  
Priority

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



## More important information

We do have one concern that may be also one for you at home- and that is how much some students are over using Social Media after hours and late into the evening. We are observing that it is impacting on both some students' school work and their interactions with other students at school.

We have reports of students staying up late gaming or chatting on Snapchat. Being up late and tired, possibly arguing with class mates on line, and bringing that to school the next day, can have an impact on students' own, and their class mates' learning.

Some families turn off their internet router at a certain hour and for some students this can cause worry about being left out of some online chat others are having.

There's also the problem that students are distracted from practising the reading they should be doing to become fluent readers.

It's certainly a tricky issue for some families.

Like all things there's a balance and we're not recommending no Internet or gaming. But most research says:

- Students need about 10 hours sleep each night.
- Screen time just before going to sleep is not helpful for their brains.
- Social media needs to be monitored while students are young as they are not always able to manage what happens which it can increase anxiety and have a negative effect on their mental health.

Our year 5/6 teachers will talk to their classes about the use of Social Media and we would welcome a conversation with families for whom it is a concern.



## 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



You can also visit <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents> the government esafety page where there is a series of webinars parents can do to increase their own knowledge of online safety and laws. Another great resource recommended for parents and carers is the Kidshelpline Parents section: <https://kidshelpline.com.au/parents>

Your feedback will be appreciated, so please get in touch about any Social Media concerns you have for your children.

### **NAPLAN tests next term**

A few weeks into next term our year 3s and 5s will be participating in the annual NAPLAN tests in Maths, Reading, Spelling and Writing. If your children are in those year levels their teachers will be helping them get ready for the tests so they can do their best in the tests. Parents and Carers reassuring your children about the tests will also help them to prepare. If you have any queries please contact your class teacher or the school office.

### **Tennis Courts Upgrade- thanks Murray Bridge Council!**

We are very grateful to Murray Bridge Council for replacing the old fencing on the Courts for us and community use. Pipes and chain mesh that prevent the balls from running away will look very smart and keep our students safer. We are hoping to get funding to replace the whole school fence this year which will mesh well with the new fence on the courts.

### **North School Governing Council AGM**

We would be really pleased to have some new parents or carers involved on the school Governing Council this year to provide guidance and advice to the school leadership this year. With the departure of the Year 7s the school is going through a downsizing but exciting time as we build towards new ways of teaching and learning and engaging our students. If being on Council might interest you please contact the school to talk with James Parkin. The Council AGM is on Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March at 6pm in the library.

James Parkin

Principal

# School Photos

School photos can be ordered now online using the school code –**AL3 Z8T NGF**

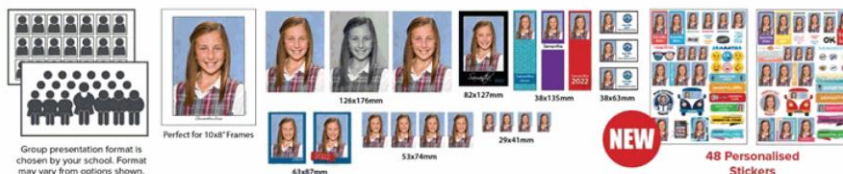
Early notice regarding school photos Week 1 Term 2

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May –School Photo Day

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May- School photo catch up

**(Please note: Online Sibling orders close at midnight on 04/05/2022)**

## school photographs are coming up soon



**Please note:** Traditional or Composite group and the presentation format are chosen by your school. Sibling photos, if available, can also be ordered online and must be ordered prior to your photo day. A late fee will apply for photos purchased after ordering has closed.

## how to order

### order online

Online payment options include Visa, Mastercard and PayPal. Alternatively, you can choose to pay over 10 weeks using LatitudePay.

#### STEP 1

Go to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) on your computer, phone or tablet.

#### STEP 2

Enter your school code: **AL3 Z8T NGF** in the 'order and download' box. This will take you to your school's secure online ordering site.



#### STEP 3

Click on 'Order Photos' and complete your details and procedures. During this process you can place orders for additional children at your school and sibling photos, if available



### cash/envelope ordering

Your school prefers orders to be placed online. However, if you are unable to order online, please complete your order using the order envelope provided.

#### STEP 1

Complete a separate order envelope for each individual child's package/s ordered. If ordering for more than one child, payment should be enclosed in the envelope of the eldest child and this should be indicated on the envelope of the other child/children (the envelope that does not have cash enclosed).

#### STEP 2

Enclose exact cash payment in one envelope for the package/s you are ordering. Payment for more than one child should be in the eldest child's envelope and marked at the bottom of the envelope in the space provided.

#### STEP 3

Return your completed envelope/s, with correct cash payment, to our photographers on the day.

**Please note:** You must enclose exact correct payment, as change is not available. Credit card payments can only be made online and we no longer accept cheques. There is a separate envelope for sibling photo orders, should your school choose to offer sibling photos.

School photographs will be returned to your school 4-6 weeks after the day of photography

#### IMPORTANT - "not for publication" students

If you have instructed your school that your child's image is "not for publication" (sometimes called "do not publish" or "not for media release" instructions), the school will ensure that your child is not presented to our photographers on photo day and school photographs will not be available for purchase. If you wish to change your instruction, then you must notify your school, so they change their records and identify your child as able to be photographed for school photography purposes. All students presented to our photographers by your school on photo day will be photographed, their images will appear in school photography packages with their fellow students and these packages will be available to purchase by all families.

Contact us: [www.advancedlife.com.au/contact](http://www.advancedlife.com.au/contact)





# Murray Bridge North School

**SPORTS DAY 2022**

**Friday April 8<sup>th</sup>**

- Parents/Caregivers welcome, please stay behind bunting
- Remember to sign in and social distance
- Timetables will be sent out closer to the day 😊

Looking forward to seeing you there!

## Bottom Oval (Reception - 2)



## Top Oval (Year 3 - 6)



# Canteen Sports Day Orders

Team colored Donuts can be ordered online or by using the order form.

Please note if ordering online there is no need to send back order form.

The canteen will be taking normal orders for lunch on the day – Both online and paper bag orders.

Please remember over the counter sales at the canteen on Sports Day are cash sales only.

# 2022 Sports Day

Friday 8th of April



Stuart



Flinders



Hindmarsh



Light

## Sports Day Canteen Donut Order

*Please return to the Canteen with correct money by Wednesday the 6th of April*

### Donut

Team Colour



Choose one:

- Red (Stuart)
- Blue (Flinders)
- Green (Hindmarsh)
- Yellow (Light)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_


Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Number ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$2.50 each

Also available to order online with the QKR app



# MBNS Term 1 Planner

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
<b>1</b>	31/1 Online Learning	1/2 Online Learning	2/2 Online Learning	3/2 Online Learning	4/2 Online Learning	5/2-6/2
<b>2</b>	7/2 Online Learning	8/2 Online Learning	9/2 Online Learning	10/2 Online Learning	11/2 Online Learning	12/2-13/2
<b>3</b>	14/2 <b>Back to School</b> Valentine's Day	15/2	16/2	17/2	18/2	19/2-20/2
<b>4</b>	21/2	22/2	23/2	24/2	25/2	26/2-27/2
<b>5</b>	28/2	1/3	2/3	3/3	4/3	5/3-6/3
<b>6</b>	7/3	8/3	9/3	10/3	11/3 <b>Student Free Day</b>	12/3-13/3
<b>7</b>	14/3 <b>Adelaide Cup Day</b>	15/3	16/3	17/3	18/3 	19/3-20/3
<b>8</b>	21/3	22/3	23/3	24/3	25/3	26/3-27/3
<b>9</b>	28/3	29/3	30/3	31/3	1/4	2/4-3/4
<b>10</b>	4/4	5/4	6/4	7/4	8/4 Sports Day	9/4-10/4
<b>11</b>	11/4	12/4	13/4	14/4 Last Day of Term 1 Early Dismissal	15/4 Good Friday	16/4-17/4 Easter



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.

