
NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL REPORT.

Dear North Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy couple of weeks with some wonderful highlights. How terrific for our Pedal Prix team A Car to come second in the race at the Bend last Saturday and the B Car to come 8th. Our best results yet. Huge thanks must go to all our riders and Pit Crew and adult helpers who kept the cars on the road. Our teachers were also managing the high school team as their Pedal Prix staff were hit by Covid and the High School Team still managed a first. Many thanks to Ruth Stutley, Alice Hillam and Anna Le Gallou our school leaders on the day and to the many parents who supported the team.

Another highlight has been our year 3 and 5 students approach to the NAPLAN tests over the last fortnight. We are very proud of their calm preparation towards the tests and then thoughtful engagement in the tests. We look forward to the results in October or thereabouts and thank their teachers for their work to get our students ready.

Governing Council AGM and Shawn Thiele footy coach as guest speaker

This coming Tuesday at 6pm Shawn Thiele, juniors coach from Jervois football club, will be our guest speaker about children and sport at our AGM. Please come and support your school at our AGM as we begin to regrow our Community connections post Covid. Have your say on a proposed new school uniform, give advice on how to spend fund raising money. We'd love to see you.



Upcoming Events

For more events see planner

24th May

Governing Council AGM

26th May

Sorry Day

Reading is
our School
Priority

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



More important information

A little bit of refurbishment

We are pleased to have Darcy Chandler and his crew at school refurbishing our new Music rooms. We hope to move the music classes into those rooms soon and have all the building behind the canteen ready for the big refurbishment when it begins.

Some of you may remember the big steel box in the playground. It's now been removed as it did not meet the safety specifications for playgrounds and we are now working towards putting in a new undercover sand pit where the box was.

Stranger- but not danger!

This week we had a worrying incident at school on the oval which turned out to be not so worrying! You may have heard from your children of a strange person handing out drugs! It wasn't. But the rumour spread fast and grew. Staff acted promptly and police reacted quickly to what turned out to be someone collecting walnuts across the road and when our students spoke to him he offered them a walnut! We spoke with classes after this about stranger danger but also about not making up stories that could get someone into trouble that wasn't true.

Phones and Uniforms

Please, please please! Put your children in the school uniform each day and, if your children have a phone, remind them to hand it to their teacher or the office. Any phone not handed in will be confiscated until picked up by a parent or carer. Phones are not core business at school – teaching and learning is- and they can be a big distraction.

The Rethink Room and clothes pegs!

Every day some students end up in the "Rethink Room" at lunch time. They might have been being mean, some might have fought, some might have been late to class too often, or a bit disrespectful to their teachers or not got their learning completed.



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



In Rethink problems are talked out, letters of apology are written to be delivered, people miss some play time and warnings are delivered. Believe it or not, Rethink is not always successful! And sometimes the same students end up there. But the rule is: three visits to Rethink and the next meeting is with a student's parents or carers as well as the student.

On the other hand every class has a chart where every day students start with their peg on "Ready to Learn" and if they are on task and learning can make it up to "Awesome day" when they can ask a favorite adult in the school to wear their peg on their collar. (Which is fine until you forget to take the pegs off at the end of the day and get strange looks in the supermarket!)

And finally.

Seesaw and Reports

Student reports will come home at the end of term. They'll tell you how your children are going compared with the national Australian standards. They shouldn't be a surprise when they come. We hope you've got the [Seesaw](#) app on your phone so that your teacher can keep in touch with you about any concerns or learning your child has. Lots of parents use it to contact their teacher. They learnt how to use it during Covid lockdowns and is now an essential tool for school communication

Book Fair

To arrange a time to visit the Book Fair in MBNS school library please use the following link to book a ticket:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/.../mbns-book-fair-2022...>

Due to COVID restrictions we can only allow 30 people in the library at any one time.

If you do not have a booking, unfortunately you will not be able to enter the library.



Covid Update

We are really being hit hard with Covid across the school at the moment with considerable numbers of staff and students affected. We are continuing to emphasise masks, sanitiser and social distancing and thank our families who are monitoring for symptoms and testing their children for Covid. It is very helpful. We aren't yet at the point of closing classes due to lack of staff and will continue to be helped if everyone is careful around the Covid monitoring.

Thanks for doing your bit!

James Parkin

Principal

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It was great today to see MBNS students hit the track at The Bend for Rd 2 of Pedal Prix. A fantastic effort by all the students in our A and B car today as well as support. Our A car (The Beast) got 2nd and the B car (The Sun of the Beast) got 8th in our category- the best we have ever got. Well done to all who participated and supported our students in anyway.

Congratulations to [Murray Bridge High School](#) on their first place in their category today.

[#pedalprix](#) [#thebendmotorsportpark](#)



It's National Volunteer Week, and we want to recognise this great group of people by sharing some of their stories.

John Osman - Murray Bridge North School

John has put in huge hours rebuilding the school's bikes to meet specifications and make sure all our kids can participate - over 100 hours of work volunteered to our school on our bikes alone.

He helps in so many ways and it's great to have him in the team. Thanks John. [#NVW2022](#)
[#BetterTogether](#) [#WaveForVolunteers](#)



Po:rlar Ka:ngkun Tainkuwalun (PKT)

(Children Laughing and Playing)



When and Where will we be?

Mondays

Meningie RSL
10 AM—11:30 AM

Tuesdays

Goolwa Primary School
12 PM—1:30 PM

Wednesdays

Moorundi Wharf Road
10 AM—12 PM

Thursdays

Raukkan
10:30 AM - 12 PM

We are a free service

We continue in the school holidays

Fruit Provided

Po:rlar Ka:ngkun Tainkuwalun (PKT)

What is Po:rlar Ka:ngkun Tainkuwalun (PKT)?

PKT supports Aboriginal families with children aged 0 – 7 years. The program services the Murray Bridge, Southern Fleurieu and Coorong regions. This is an outreach based and family focused service. In a friendly environment the program provides an opportunity for Aboriginal families/caregivers to learn about the role that childhood development plays in school readiness. The program supports Aboriginal families, with pre-school children, to prepare for engagement with, and attendance at school.

What does this service provide?

- * Mobile Playgroups
- * Special events
- * Themed activities including, food, cultural events and festive occasions
- * Provide support for transitioning to kindergarten or school
- * Linking with other support services
- * Home based support
- * No referral required

What to expect:

- * No cost
- * Healthy snacks provided
- * Continues during school holidays
- * Embraces the Aboriginal culture
- * Provides an opportunity for learning and childhood development through play
- * Positive role modelling



The PKT Team

Rosslyn Richards and Nekia Wilson

Rosslyn Richards and Nekia Wilson are excited to bring this service to the Moorundi catchment area to share culture, have fun and learn together.

Contact our PKT Team:

Call: 1800 023 846

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MBNS Term 2 Planner

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
1	2/5 Student Free Day No School	3/5 Rugby Tackle	4/5	5/5 School Photos Mountain	6/5 School Photos	7/5-8/5
2	9/5	10/5	11/5	12/5	13/5	14/5-15/5 <i>Pedal Prix race at Taillem Bend</i>
3	16/5	17/5	18/5	19/5	20/5	21/5-22/5
4	23/5	24/5 AGM Governing Council	25/5	26/5 Sorry Day	27/5 Start of Reconciliation week	28/5-29/5
5	30/5 Reconciliation Week	31/5	1/6	2/6	3/6	4/6-5/6
6	6/6	7/6	8/6	9/6	10/6	11/6-12/6
7	13/6 Queen's Birthday Public holiday	14/6	15/6	16/6	17/6 <i>Pedal Prix race at Taillem Bend</i>	18/6-19/6
8	20/6	21/6	22/6	23/6	24/6	25/6-26/6
9	27/6	28/6	29/6	30/6	1/7	2/7-3/7
10	4/7 NAIDOC bridge walk	5/7	6/7	7/7	8/7 Last Day of term 2 Early dismissal 2:10pm Dress up Day	9/7-10/7



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.



Advanced Notice
Student Free Days
for the Year

Monday 2nd May- Term 2

Monday 25th July- Term 3

School Closure 9th September -Term3

Monday 17th October- Term 4



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