



Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

Aug 1	JS NED Show
Aug 1	MS & SS Christian Option
Aug 4	Yr 9 Science Alive
Aug 7	Yr 7-10 StartSmart Maths
August 10	Scholastic Book Club Due

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

3 – WAY INTERVIEWS

In response to parent requests regarding follow-up to the Semester 1 student reports and the recommendation from teachers of improving communication opportunities with parents we are rescheduling our term 3 interviews. The Term 3 interview opportunity is not essential for every family and is provided for parents who may wish to seek more information about their child's learning progress and how they may become more engaged in this learning.

On Tuesday 1st August between 3:30 and 5:50pm staff teaching in the Middle and Seniors Years will be available to meet with parents and students in the Middle School Building. We do not intend to plan a booking process and will support the undertaking of this process on a more casual basis.

We request that parents with children from Reception to Year 6 who wish to seek more clarification about the learning programs negotiate an opportunity over the next two weeks to meet with their child's teacher.

STUDENT ACCESS TO MOBILE PHONES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

At Mount Compass Area School we acknowledge that the digital world is a significant part of our lives. For our younger generations it is providing the opportunity for this cohort to be the most educated generation that we have known. It also has introduced concerning traits of young people lacking the essential interpersonal communication skills such as initiating a conversation, speaking on a telephone, preparing for verbal and written communication and negotiating an interview. Other problematic behaviours that may be attributed to this digital world, specifically mobile phones, are poor time management and problem solving conflict.

Aligned with these concerns is the increasing number of incidents we continue to deal with where students have

used mobile phones in an inappropriate, and on some occasions, illegal manner.

At this time there is a general feeling amongst staff that the mobile phone is creating more of a hindrance to learning than a help.

As a result we are implementing the trial of a different approach to the access and use of mobile phones during school hours. The trial policy is attached with this newsletter and available on our Facebook page and the School Website. Teachers will outline the requirements of the trial on Monday 31st July at which time the policy will be recognised as actioned. We request that all parents take the time to review the trial policy to ensure there are no misunderstandings with this new practice.

STUDENT FREE DAY

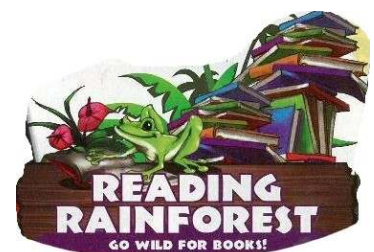
Our final student free day for this year will occur on Friday 18th August. A pending expectation of all schools is that they are engaged in the moderation of student work across sites to ensure the delivery of learning, task design and assessment of learning is consistent. During term 2 our staff have been working together with teachers from Yankalilla Area School in the planning of student learning opportunities as a platform to critically reflect on how we are addressing the Achievement Standards of the Australian Curriculum. This student free day will allow the staff from both schools to review the work achieved so far and plan further collective learning opportunities for our students.

NEW FAMILIES

A sincere welcome to the five new families that have joined our school community this term. Despite the cold winter days I am sure you have received a warm welcome and your children are in good hands.

Kevin

**Scholastic
Book Fair
August 23 - 28**



COMPASS GOT TALENT

Compass Got Talent



Winners!



Runner Ups!

The judges had a tough decision scoring the acts and deciding who should win. There were

The finals Compass Got Talent were held on Tuesday of Week 10. Six different acts performed in front of the judges Mr Mooney, Ms Phillips and our school captains, Scarlett Arnold-Oaks and Declan Mair. The six finalists were:
Ella Mosel playing piano
Grace Sawtell singing
Charlotte Lindavies, Charlotte Davies and Madison Tolosa dancing
Stirling Down playing violin
Shaylee Faulkner singing
Riley Anthes playing electric guitar



two tied scores for Runner-up and for the winner. Shaylee Faulkner and Grace Sawtell were equal runners-up. The winners both scored 40/40 were Stirling Down who played an intricate tune called Witches Dance and Riley Anthes who played a melody of jaw dropping songs including Number of the Beast by Iron Maiden and a song by Black Sabbath.

Well done to all the 18 acts who participated in the competition.



Bring your own carry bag, then fill with books for \$5.00!!!

Resource Centre has many, many fiction books for sale. Bring your own carry bag, fill with books and pay \$5.00. Parents/caregivers are welcome to come either before school (**BE VERY QUIET FOR READING ARMY**) or after school to purchase your books. Senior Fiction available for parents/caregivers to purchase.

NO PARKING



The area at the front of the school has restricted parking on school days between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm. Please observe these rules and be courteous to others.

This will contribute to the safe movement of all children.

The parking within the Lutheran Church carpark is for staff only and not to be used as a drop off or pickup area for parents.

Please observe the “No Standing” area on the right hand side of School Rd. Parking there creates an enormous hazard for children who run across the road without looking. There have been many “near misses” and parking there is in contravention of the law.

SCIENCE ALIVE 2017

When: 5 August - 6 August
Where: Adelaide Showground
Goodwood Road, Wayville
Ticket information:
www.eventbrite.com.au

The twelfth edition of Science Alive! will without a doubt be the biggest and best ever!

Key attractions include spectacular Chemistry Shows in the Lockheed Martin Theatre by the Royal Australian Chemical Institute and the University of Adelaide; astronomy experiences in huge Stardomes; native animal shows and displays; and the evergreen science presenters Rob Morrison and Deane Hutton with their special Curiosity Show presentation. Questacon is back with a range of engaging hands-on activities and the CSIRO will have a major display.

New this year will also be many science-related organizations not represented in 2016 with an emphasis on the conservation of our natural environment. Of course, there will be the old favourites including our three great universities, the Australian Institute of Food Science and Technology, the Astronomical Society, Saab Australia, Nature Foundation SA, SciWorld, Forensic Science SA, bugs n slugs, Animals Anonymous, BAE Systems, the Young Scientists of Australia, the Inventors Association, Hackerspace, the Australian Society for Medical

SCIENCE ALIVE 2017—Cont.

Research, Rising Sun Pictures, the SA Museum and many, many more.

There will also be Daleks! The Australian Dalek Builders' Union will be there again in force, encouraging interest in the technology of Dalek-building and showing off their variety of full-sized Daleks complete with their threats to 'exterminate'.

Every one of the 50+ participating organizations will be offering some form of hands-on activity to engage and delight children and adults of all ages.

Science Alive! is FREE for all those under 18 years of age and costs \$15 for adults and \$10 for concession card holders plus a small booking fee for online bookings. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$20 for adults and \$15 for concession so avoid the queues and SAVE by pre-purchasing your tickets online.

The event will be open from 9am to 5pm on Saturday and Sunday 5th and 6th August 2017.

INFECTION ILLNESS

A reminder that a student in our school community is currently receiving medical treatment for cancer. This student will be attending school on occasion while undergoing treatment.

As a consequence of treatment, this student's ongoing health is at risk if he comes into contact with infectious illnesses, in particular: chicken pox, measles or mumps. If your child is suspected of having one of these illnesses it is very important that they do not attend school. It is also important that while your child is unwell they remain at home until they are no longer contagious.

If your child has chicken pox, measles or mumps or is suspected of having an illness please contact the school immediately. Information on infectious conditions can be found on national health websites eg: www.health.gov.au or alternatively contact your local GP.

SWIMMING RECEPTION—YEAR 2/3

In Week 3 of Term 2 the Reception-Year 2/3s went to Noarlunga Swimming Centre. Students were put into sea animal groups and learnt swimming skills and water safety techniques. On the Friday of Week 3 the swimming centre was closed due to maintenance work and all students got to visit the wooden playground instead. Luckily, on Friday Week 5 all students returned to the swimming centre to have a special catch up lesson where they got to use boogie boards, floating tubes and have a water disco party!



PREMIERS' READING Challenge 2017

This year's challenge is well underway and due to finish in Term 3. The Challenge is for R-12 students to read (or have read to them) 12 books, 8 of which need to be from a special list. Completed student reading record forms must be returned to the library by FRIDAY 8th SEPTEMBER. The challenge is a wonderful way for parents to share reading with their children. The buddy classes are also doing great work reading to younger students.

WINTER SLEEP OUT AND WALK A MILE IN MY BOOTS

The Senior School Forum have decided to run a **Walk a Mile in My Boots** and a **Winter Sleep Out** on Friday 25th August, to raise money for the Hutt Street Centre in Adelaide <https://www.huttstcentre.org.au/>



Hutt St Centre is a place of hope and opportunity, helping people facing homelessness to rebuild their lives, without judgement.

The **Walk a Mile in My Boots** will take place in the morning on Friday 25th August. Staff and students will be asked to make a gold coin donation and invited to walk one mile, remembering the struggles that some people face when living on our streets.

That same evening, the middle and senior school students will be invited to spend the night at school for the **Winter Sleep Out**. Willing students will endure a long, cold night on the ground. The Winter Sleep Out committee aims to raise money for the Hutt Street Centre however, they are also hoping to learn empathy for the difficulties and challenges people who are homeless must face each night they sleep on the street.

Mrs Fonfé has been impressed by the energy and commitment from the students who are wanting to support the Hutt Street Centre. She is excited to see where their energy will steer both the Walk a Mile in My Boots and the Winter Sleep Out. We look forward to your commitment and support. Watch this space for details.

VERANDAHS FOR JUNIOR SCHOOL

Over the school holidays, rooms 21, 22 and 20 had two new verandahs installed. We hope parents/ caregivers are enjoying these new assets to our school.



COMMUNITY NOTICE

SA Dental Service

Keep your kids smiling



Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics.

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider. Babies first dental check-up is recommended at 12-18 months.

Your local clinic is located at: South Coast District Hospital Bay Road, VICTOR HARBOR Call us now for an appointment - phone 8551 0460 www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sadental



CANTEEN NEWS

Keep a look out in the newsletter for new exciting products coming soon to the canteen.

They will also be available on QKR, and we will advise you when they come in.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 2ND SPECIAL

Chicken Teriyaki with Rice \$7.00

PRICE CHANGE TO MENU ITEM

Hot Chicken & Mayo Roll \$5.00
Lasagne/Spaghetti Bolognese/Tuna Mornay \$5.00

NEW ITEMS TO MENU

Hot Chicken & Gravy Roll \$5.00
Homemade Macaroni Cheese \$4.50

Any new ideas or comments are most welcome.

Volunteers are needed on Monday's, Tuesday's or fortnightly on Wednesday's, if you can spare a couple of hours either days, would be much appreciated. Please contact Wendy Hayes at the front office for a Volunteer Application form.

Margaret & Bronwyn



KIDZONE

OSHC (KIDZONE) is open Monday - Friday 3.15pm-6.00pm Mornings 7.00am-9.00am

OSHC is a safe and stimulating environment that offers a variety of activities and sports to suit all ages. We also provide afternoon tea for participating students. Preschool and all school age children are eligible.

OSHC is available for anyone to use,

whether you work, study or the kids just want to play for a minimal cost. Most families are entitled to Child Care benefits and/or Child Care rebates.



We open on pupil free days with enough bookings. If any families are interested phone Cheraleen on 0411 134 701.