



Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

August 17	Junior School Assembly
August 14-16	Year 12 PE Aquatic Camp
August 18	Student Free Day
August 23-28	Scholastic Book Fair

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME

On behalf of our Mount Compass community I would like to offer a warm welcome to our visiting students from Indonesia. The development of these relationships continue to enhance the opportunity for our students to experience first-hand a closer relationship with students from another cultural background and the contribution these students are able to make in conversing with our Indonesian Language students.

MOUNT COMPASS AREA SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL

The role of our school's Governing Council is significant in the life of our school and the members of Council are the elected representatives of our community. Apart from the multiple committees they commit to in the daily running of the school, and the important advice they provide to me, they also have a responsibility to represent the school in our community. This representative role is two-fold; they will obviously look to promote our school in our community and they are also available to receive feedback and/or respond to concerns that community members may have. I will always make myself available to members of the community with regard to the welfare and wellbeing of our school and if you are not able to make the time to meet with me a Governing Councillor will be available to respond to any concerns.

Our Governing Council members include Andrew Down (Chairperson), Hayley Jordan, Hayley Chetwynd, Jessica Macrow, Kate Yabsley, Kate Buyst, Trevor Paech and Cathy Domoney.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Friday 18th August will be a staff training day at Mount Compass Area School. Over the past term we have been working together with Yankalilla Area School in the development and implementation of learning modules across the two schools. This initiative is increasing the scope of contributors to the planning process developing new ideas and new challenges. This work with Yankalilla has the opportunity to develop significant new learning options in the senior years of both schools in the near future when we begin to deliver new subjects that are not currently available. This information will be made available as we begin our student counselling process.

Kevin

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Last Tuesday 1st August the Junior School had a visit from NED. NED stands for **N**ever give up, **D**o your best, and **E**ncourage others. The performance was inspiring for our students with a powerful message to persevere and develop a growth mindset. The performer used some very clever yo-yo tricks to relay his message and the students are now enjoying practicing their yo-yo skills, which has seen many students displaying perseverance!

Our regular Junior School assemblies are now Thursday mornings at 9am due to whole school time table changes. Our next assembly is Week 4, Thursday 17th August. We hope to see you there.

STUDENT FREE DAY—FRIDAY AUGUST 18TH

Scholastic Book Fair August 23 - 28

YEAR 2/3 VICTOR HARBOR WHALE CENTRE



On Friday the 28th of July, the Year 2/3 class visited the Victor Harbor Whale Centre. This visit was part of the History and Geography program linking the Aboriginal Dreaming story of Kondilli and the whales who visit the Fleurieu Peninsula. The following is written with students in the class:

We were able to see various bones from the South Australian Museum including a skull of a Southern Right Whale. We saw the oil that comes out of the bones and saw a 3Dimensional movie about Southern Right Whales where we experienced the whales up close. We enjoyed finding fossils in the sandpit and were able to ask lots of questions for our Investigation projects. We all found interesting things to look at (even with a microscope) and touch in the Southern Right Whale room such as sea sponges, leafy sea dragons, turtles, yabbies, shark jaws, shark head, sperm whale tail and teeth, old baleen, sea shells and a sea turtle shell. We also crawled into a glow in the dark room. There was also a map of Australia which showed where different types of whales visit and a replica of a room on a Sea Shepard ship. There was a replica of a ship which showed where different parts of the ship including where the harpoons went. There were various models of boats and different items made from whale products. There was a net with milk cartons showing a baby whale drinks 125 litres of milk the day when it is born. At the front of the Whale Centre there is a Southern Right Whale tail.

as they were a long way out. We saw seals at Port Elliot. On the way back to school we saw the Cube house we learnt about in Technology earlier in the year. We had a great day.



COMMUNITY STUDIES

Hello! Our names are Natasha and Alysha and we are currently studying year 11 at Mount Compass Area School.

As part of our Community Studies project we have decided to create a cookbook in support for the local school canteen. The cookbook will include previous canteen recipes, and we will recreate and outsource other recipes from parents and teachers of the local community. We are wondering if you, as part of the community, would be willing to share some of your old family recipes which we will then include in our book? If you would like to share your recipes with us please contact us on: Natasha.Tillson635@schools.sa.edu.au or Alysha.Mcnicol922@schools.sa.edu.au

Kind Regards
*Natasha Tillson
 and Alysha
 McNicol
 Year 11*



**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.

NAIDOC WEEK 2017

Week 10 of Term 2 was NAIDOC week. It is a week celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements. This year we had the privilege of having Alan Sumner come in and share some Aboriginal culture. Alan showed us some artifacts, played the yidaki (didjeridu), taught us some dancing and shared language and stories. There are some great photos in the passageway of the junior school. We also enjoyed kangaroo hotdogs on Wednesday. On Friday some of our Aboriginal students and their families attended the NAIDOC March in Adelaide and then the family fun day which was fantastic. My best NAIDOC week ever!

*Kellie Blucher
ACEO*



YEAR 8 COWS CREATE CAREERS SUCCESS

Every year Mount Compass Area School participates in the Cows Create Careers program. The Year 8 class were involved in the program in Term 2. Two dairy calves were donated from Robert and Mandy Brokenshire for the students to care for over a three week period. The students did an amazing job of feeding the calves and working together to make sure each calf was healthy and happy. Whilst the calves

were here, the students were required to complete a range of assessment tasks around the calves. Mount Compass students did an amazing job and won Junior School for the region. We were also fortunate enough that one of the groups won 2nd overall team. An amazing effort from all students and all the hard work paid off. Congratulations Year 8 class!

Mrs Kiara Edwards



POWER TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

On Friday, 4th August, Year 10 students were invited to attend a session delivered by Port Adelaide Football Club legend, Russell Ebert. The session was entitled 'Power to end violence against women'. The cohort was divided by gender with the boys focusing on responsible relationships and the girls having an additional emphasis on self esteem. The girls quickly settled into the activities and discussions where as the boys took a while to warm-up

and answer the hosts' questions. By the end of each session, there was dialogue flowing and students were engaged in the important messages being delivered. More information about the sessions can be found using the following link: <http://www.centacare.org.au/power-to-end-violence-against-women/>



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 hold 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.huttstreetcentre.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.

BUS SAFETY—ALIGHTING FROM THE BUS

ALWAYS CROSS ROADS SAFELY AFTER ALIGHTING FROM THE BUS

- Always wait until the bus has completely gone from the bus stop and is out of sight before you begin to look for a safe place to cross. It is extremely dangerous to cross while the bus is stopped on the road or when the bus has just moved on and is still in sight, because the bus will block your view of following or oncoming traffic and the driver's view of you.
- Watch the traffic from both directions and choose the safest time and place to cross.
- Choose a place where you can see the traffic and the drivers can see you.
- Wait and watch until the traffic is clear. Remember cars/trucks can travel at high speeds, eg. 80 or 100 kilometres per hour on highways and certain roads. A car or truck

travelling at 100 kph covers 28 metres (the length of a cricket wicket and more) in just 1 second.
- Keep away from bends and/or crests in the road, parked cars/trucks, trees/bushes and busy corners.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club is a program that runs before school on weekday mornings. The club offers students the opportunity to have breakfast before school as studies have shown that eating breakfast improves concentration throughout the day. The club is entirely voluntary and is kindly run by students and staff. Donations of breakfast foods would be highly appreciated. Foods such as spreads, fruit, bread or even juice would be ideal.

*Claudia Aloisi
Year 11*

CANTEEN NEWS

We have new products in the canteen and are also available on QKR.

- 40gm Peckish rice crackers (original, salt & vinegar & tangy bbq flavours) \$2.00 pkt
- 20gm Messy Monkey wholegrain bites (burger, cheese & pizza flavours) \$1.50 pkt
- 350ml dairy free milk breakfast blend drinks (chocolate & spiced vanilla)\$3.00
- 40gm Peg energy health bars (chia, hazelnut & coffee, chia, goji & macadamia, chia, mango & coconut) \$3.00 each
- Macaroni cheese is also back on the menu \$4.50

We will be celebrating Indonesia Day on Thursday 17th August with a meal deal. Nasi Goreng and 1 spring roll for \$4.50. This is available to

order on QKR or by lunch bag from now until Tuesday 15th August.

To help celebrate Book Week we will be having some healthy snacks for sale on Tuesday 22nd August & Wednesday 23rd for \$1.00 each, these will include cat in a hat sticks (strawberry & banana) & the very hungry caterpillar sticks (grape & strawberry).

We had our showdown donut day on Friday 4th August, which was a huge success. Thank you to everyone for supporting the day.

Any suggestions or feedback are always welcome.

We are looking for any volunteers to help in the canteen, even if for a couple of hours a day, this would be immensely appreciated.

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.