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Mount Compass Area School Newsletter

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From the Principal

WELCOME

We have experienced a reasonably tranquil return to 2021 with the express hope that is is not as eventful as last year.

We welcome Sam Cockshell as Senior School Coordinator, Megan Mackowiak teaching in the Middle School and Hannah Stewart teaching in the Primary Years.

Ms Roberts is currently on leave.

A special welcome to new families that have joined our Mount Compass community.

COVID RESTRICTIONS

Our request to all visitors to the school is to monitor the information provided at each entrance to the school.

Immediate access to staff is impacted by COVID restrictions and I encourage parents to communicate via Daymap or call the school to make an appointment time. Again, apologies for any inconvenience this creates.

GOVERNING COUNCIL NEWS

The Annual General Meeting of the Governing Council will take place in the STEM building at 7:00pm on 22nd February.

A flyer has been circulated to all members of the community encouraging you to consider joining the parent organisational groups that support our school. Should you be prepared to contribute just a small amount of time that will benefit our school community either with Governing Council or the Parents and Friends group, ring Marilyn at the Front Office (8556 8219) to register your interest. We do not apply a personal pressure situation by having people nominated at the Annual General Meeting.

The current building project is limiting play space for students and Governing Council is working toward developing new play spaces. The area behind the gymnasium has been levelled for large play spaces that will come into action when we are able to access water to this site.

On behalf of the students' a sincere thank you to the Parents and Friends group who provided the funds for new seating around the school.

SCHOOL NEWS

In 2022, Year 7's will be officially recognised in all schools in South Australia as being members of Middle School.

The location of the Year 6 class to the Middle School during 2020 has been significant in having the students better prepared to enter Middle School as Year 7's.

DIARY DATES

Breakfast Club

Monday - Friday 8:30-8:45 am

Reading Army

Monday - Thursday 8:30-8:50 am

Principal

Kevin Mooney

Deputy Principal

Andrew Cousins

Learning & Teaching Coordinator

Bre Bradley

Student Wellbeing Leader

Helen Fonfè

Junior School Coordinator

Callie-Ann Evans / Hayley Clarke

Middle School Coordinator

Sam Blake

Senior School Coordinator

Samantha Cockshell

Pastoral Care Worker

Chrisna Van Zyl

Parents & Friends President

Janelle Paech



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From the Principal

During the course of 2021, we will begin to articulate Year 6 students as being part of our Middle School, which eventually will morph into the following sub-schools;

Primary Years: Reception – Year 5

Middle Years: Years 6 – 9

Senior Years: Years 10 – 12

This will be a topic of conversation in the course of Semester 1.

SOCIAL MEDIA

A request to our parent community to be vigilant throughout the year with your child/children's use of social media. We continue to remind students of the inherent dangers involved in this public arena however, it is education, communication and our vigilance that will keep our children safe.

What's been happening?

YEAR GROUP CAPTAINS 2021

Congratulations to our new Year Group Captains who will lead out students in 2021. This is the most prestigious role given to any student. Simply being nominated is a tremendous accomplishment. These students were nominated by a member of staff who saw leadership potential in this student and recognised their outstanding contribution to the community of Mount Compass Area School. Students who had been nominated were then voted on by staff to choose the two most outstanding students from each level.

As part of their selection, the students are invited to attend an overnight camp at Chiton Rocks Surf Life Saving Club, 11th – 12th February, 2021 where they will be trained to be effective leaders. Once again congratulations to all students who were nominated.

Year 3 Harvey Rowlands Esther Bassett	Year 4 Charlie Ford Melissa Faure	Year 5 Ruby Tomlinson Chloe Cunningham	Year 6 Stirling Down Ella Webb	Year 7 Charlie Gray Billy Parker
Year 8 Teleefa Buckworth Joe McHugh	Year 9 Ami Van Zyl Hannah Rowlands	Year 10 Nellie Langford Rilee Endersby	Year 11 Caleb Van Zyl Tanaya Kemp	School Captains Ella Richter Charlotte Evans

R-5 FOOTBALL CLINIC

On Tuesday 9th of February, our Reception to Year 5 students participated in a football clinic run by Perrin Hicks from our local Mount Compass Football Club. Students practiced a range of skills such as kicking and hand-balling. We would like to thank our Football Club for offering such a great opportunity for our students.



Football Clinics are great for can improving your skills, having fun and reaching for the stars!



What's been happening?

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Welcome back to the 2021 school year. It is great to see classrooms full of enthusiastic and engaged learners. A special welcome to our Reception students and also our new students and families across other year levels.

Callie-Ann Evans has returned from Maternity Leave and will be at school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays as Junior School Leader and teaching R-2 Health and PE.

Hayley Clarke will continue as co-leader on Tuesdays and Fridays as well as teaching a Year 1/2 class.

TENNIS WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME

Tennis is now offered as a lunchtime activity to our Year 4-12 students. Ideally students bring a hat, drink bottle and a racket. Those needing a racket can borrow from the school.

Tennis will be offered each Wednesday lunchtime in Term 1.

Those students interested in joining Mount Compass Tennis Club are invited to join in their Wednesday after school session with a coach who can develop your child's tennis skills. Please contact Mount Compass Tennis Club for registration details.

YEAR 6 AQUATICS

On Tuesday the 9th of February, Year 6 students participated in a full day of Aquatics at Port Noarlunga beach. Activities included Surfing, Wave-Skiing and Stand-Up Paddle Boarding. Students had a great day learning about water safety and variety of different skills.

PICTURE THIS

The theme of 'plants, animals or places' focuses on the people and places of the Hills and Fleurieu. A competition was created asking students on the Fleurieu what they think about the natural areas and farmlands across the region.

Students were asked to take a photo, draw a picture, create a cartoon or produce some graphic art and describe in no more than 250 words :-

1. what you think is special ; 2. describe why is it important; 3. how can you help protect it.

Congratulations to Amber (Year 8) and Natasha (Year 9) who were Upper Primary and Secondary Student winners of the 'Picture This' landscape competition. Natasha's drawing is featured below, and Amber's photo is on page 4.

The student prizes include "Junior Keeper Experiences" at Warrawong Wildlife Park in Mylor.

They have also won vouchers for our school to be spent at Bunnings. We have used this money to buy landscaping equipment for our Target Works students.



Aquatics provides loads of health benefits which can help to keep your children healthy and happy.

What's been happening?

Description written for photo taken

The Fleurieu Hills is more to me than just a small place on Earth. To me, the Fleurieu is my home, a safe place where I can make memories and be my true self. Farming is a huge part of what the Fleurieu means to me. The cows that seem to be everywhere and the agricultural fields found along roads always remind me how lucky I am to live in such a beautiful place. So many families rely on their farm to provide for them and their finances. If our hills were suddenly taken away from us, not only would our wonderful landscape be ruined, but the future of some families will surely seem dark. This is why it is important to not only keep our environment safe but to also buy local so you can support small family businesses.

Buying local is important for my community. If we buy local, the local shops employ local people, resulting in employed neighbours and friends. This will create more opportunities to participate and make connections inside a small town. A strong community stands out and welcomes others. This is one of the many reasons why I love the Fleurieu so much. Living in a place where people know you supports your mental health and makes the world a happier place. So, save our environment, save our hills.

By Amber (Year 8)

HOCKEY SUCCESS

Kye Mells, Year 7 MCAS student, has recently been accepted for a second consecutive year, into the Fire Academy, a development squad aimed at preparing young hockey players for State competition.

The Academy is run by Hockey South Australia's High-Performance Department and involves intensive skill-based training, modified games, and full-field match play.

Kye, who has played hockey since he was 8 years old, has dreams of playing for the Australian team one day. Congratulations to Kye on his selection in the Fire Academy, we look forward to seeing how your hockey career progresses.

WE SAY FAREWELL

During our Whole School assembly on Friday morning we said farewell to Jayde Marie Liston who died from a brain aneurism on the 16th of December, 2020. It was very special to have the family there to celebrate and remember Jayde's life.

Students were given the opportunity to take home a small packet of sunflower seeds which could be planted at home to remember Jayde. Our Target Works students have also planted sunflower seeds around the school, and we are hoping to see some seedlings appear and later flower before winter.

The family have asked to pass on their gratitude to our staff and to the school community for the support they received during this difficult time.



Starting school is a big leap for your child, so just watch with pride to see how they will grow during their first year.





PEER SUPPORT

Thank you to our Year 11 students who ran their first Peer Support session with our Year 7s. These sessions are designed to help mentor Year 7 students as they enter Middle School.

This year, each session will create discussions around values. Session will continue to run on a Wednesday for the next 7 weeks.

2021 SPORTS DAY

Mount Compass Area School's annual Sports Day is coming up again where all four teams, Tundi, Ilya, Wangami and Kungari, will go head to head to compete for the Sports Day House Shield. The day will be held Friday 12th March and is a compulsory whole school event. The day will be filled with a number of athletic events for students from all year levels to compete in and students are encouraged to wear their team colour. Students are asked to bring a hat, sunblock and plenty of water to drink throughout the day. The canteen will be open and a BBQ will be available, or students can bring a packed lunch and recess.

Sports Day is a great day and we strongly encourage parents and family members to come along and cheer on their children and their team. The day will finish at 2:30pm with buses leaving at 2:45pm. The last couple of Sports Days have seen very close competition and results, with houses winning by mere points. We look forward to seeing which house will be awarded Champion of the 2021 Sports Day and look forward to seeing you all on the day.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following students on their election. Planning for Sports Day is well under way, and these students have a very important job in the lead-up to and on Sports Day. We wish them well!

	Captains	Vice Captains
ILYA (Red)	Ella Richter Evan Johnston	Jessie Lindavies Ryan Roberts
KUNGARI (Green)	Ruby Langford Nathan Hicks	Tanaya Kemp Jake Smith
WANGAMI (Yellow)	Megan Tilby Charlotte Evans	Amber Rice Mali Stephens
TUNDI (Blue)	Layla Dutton Taras Mair	Jordan Hooper Jayde Russell

Peer Support provides the importance of identity and belonging.



What's been happening?

AMAZING RACE

Our Year 12 students embarked on yet another Amazing Race. This race requires the completion of group and individual tasks to move on to the next challenge. In 2021 the successful completion of each task was awarded with an item that could be used for cooking dinner when they later arrived at the Warradale School Campsite. The Amazing Race challenges included, fitness, food and life skills.

A particular thanks for Amanda Wallis at APM (Advanced Personnel Management) who created an individual challenge for students to use in each team when put through a terrifying interview and pre-employment task.

Students spent the evening at 10pin bowling and this made for an early bed time. Students woke tired and with sore muscles to the smell of bacon and eggs cooked by Mr Haggett. A member of the Elevate team then provided a workshop, focusing on time management to prepare them for their busy year.

Thank you to Mr Haggett, Ms Cockshell and Mrs Fonfe for making it happen so close to the start of Term 1. Good luck, Year 12!

2021 ABORIGINAL EDUCATION TEACHER

I am the current Aboriginal Education Teacher at Mt Compass Area School. Avril Dargie worked in this position last year. My role is to monitor Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student's academic progress across the year. I will also work with the ACEO and the Student Wellbeing Leader Helen Fonfe to ensure we are supporting students' wellbeing.

I will be available Wednesdays from 9:00 to 12:50 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to drop in to work with me. Students and families can contact me via email, by phoning the school or by message on DayMap. Last Wednesday students were invited to come to meet me in the Green Room. Across the year I will be organising excursions and celebrations in relation to events that are occurring in the area.

This week I will begin working with students on Case Conferencing which involves making plans for their progress across the year. My email contact is: yvette.foster872@schools.sa.edu.au
Yvette Foster

Governing Council AGM

The Governing Council Annual General Meeting on February 22nd in the STEM building at 7:00pm is an opportunity to come along and consider whether you have just a small amount of time to give to make a very big difference to our school. Nominations will not be taken at the meeting, however if you wish to express an interest in being part of Governing Council or Parents & Friends ring Marilyn at Front Office.

Governing Council AGM on Monday 22nd February. Please join us to contribute to your school. Everyone welcome.





What's been happening?

START SMART PRESENTATION

On Monday 8th February we welcomed George from the Start Smart financial education program. He presented interactive, educational workshops to students in Years 7 – 10 to help them make smart decisions about money.

Each year group had a different workshop focus: concepts covered included understanding the impacts of financial choices, getting your first job, paying tax and managing savings goals and budgets.

"I found it so interesting to learn how advertisers and retailers get you to buy their products."

Braxton (Year 8)

"It was interesting that we got to learn about money and businesses. I learned about the Gruen effect. I found it funny how stores use strategies to convince people into buying more things than what they went in for."

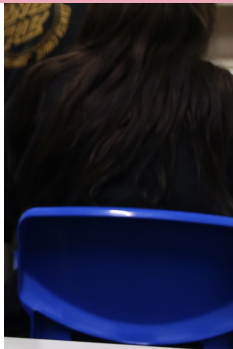
Bodie (Year 8)

"It was fun. I learned a lot about money choices and it was very helpful for my spending in the future."

Charlie (Year 7)

"We had fun and spoke about the difference between needs and wants."

Chelsea (Year 7)



Parents & Friends AGM

Parents and Friends meeting will be held on Friday 19th February at 2:00pm in the staff room . Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Friday 12th March at 1:45pm in the staffroom . New members are welcome.

OUTDOOR SEATING

Junior School has received outdoor tables and seating from local furniture manufacturer 'Perry Furniture' in Victor Harbor. Brenton and Rebecca's children Taylor and Josh are students at our school.

This setting was provided by funds from Parents and Friends. It's great to buy local, supporting a small business, and have a quality products that will last a very long time. Photo bottom left corner.

Ty Haywood (Year 11) created and made an outdoor seating table for Middle School last year, which is located outside M2 and students at both recess and lunchtime are enjoying his quality workmanship. Photo bottom right corner.

Parents & Friends AGM on Friday 12th March.
Please join us to fundraise for improvement ideas or
any requirements students may need.



Integrity, Respect, Kindness

MCAS - HOUSE CHANT COMPETITION

ILYA

IN 2021 WE WILL BE CHOOSING NEW HOUSE
CHANTS WHICH TEAMS WILL USE LONG TERM

WE ARE ASKING ALL STUDENTS TO ENTER
CHANTS THEY BELIEVE WILL ENCOURAGE THEIR
TEAM TO WIN!!

TUNDI

ENTRIES TO BE SENT TO THE EMAIL BELOW OR
HANDLED TO THE FRONT OFFICE BY
MONDAY - WEEK 5

VINCENT.NIZZOLA70@SCHOOLS.SA.EDU.AU

WANGAMI

KUNGARI

THINGS YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW

MCAS Bushfire Plan 2020/2021: ALL FAMILIES PLEASE READ & KEEP HANDY

This article provides important information about the updated Bushfire Action Plan that will be followed at Mount Compass Area School.

Department for Education schools in declared bushfire prone areas have been allocated a bushfire risk rating from R1 through to R4. **Our risk rating is R2.**

Our R2 rating means Mount Compass Area School closes when the forecast is for CATASTROPHIC conditions in the MOUNT LOFTY region.

No services will be offered to students and their families on these fire closure days.

School bus services will also be cancelled on days where the forecast is for catastrophic bushfire weather conditions in the MOUNT LOFTY fire ban region.

Department for Education sites will receive advice from the Bureau of Meteorology, after 4 pm, about the following day's forecast. Our school website, Facebook and Schoolstream will alert families of any such closure. Information will also be provided on the DECD Emergency Information Hotline (1800 000 279), ABC Radio 891 and local regional stations, ABC TV and the Department for Education website <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/>.

If a fire threatens the school during school hours then JUNIOR SCHOOL (temporarily used during Capital Works Program), MIDDLE SCHOOL and TRADE TRAINING CENTRE buildings have been designated as our Bushfire Shelter areas.

All students and staff from the school will assemble and stay there until the fire danger has passed.

- R-6 students stay in Junior Primary building.
- Year 6 Potter, Years 7-9 will go to the Middle School building.
- Year 10-11 will go to the Trade Training Centre with the Year 12 students.
- It is important that parents understand that no one leaves the Safe Shelter areas until the situation outside has been assessed as safe by the school's Emergency Response Team in consultation with the Emergency Services. Students retained at the school will be supervised in JS/TTC/MS. Students and parents are requested not to personally negotiate pick-ups. Students can then be collected by their parents, who will be able to park on Arthur Road or at the front of the school. Student names, along with the names of the people collecting them, will be recorded as they leave the Bushfire Shelter building.

Nominated staff will remain on duty to care for students until parents collect them.

If there is a fire in the Mount Lofty region that could impact on regular bus routes then buses will not be permitted to leave the site until SAPOL or the CFS indicate that it is safe to do so.

If a bushfire prevents the school buses leaving the site or students from boarding public buses then students will be supervised at school until they are collected by parents. Students will not be released into the care of 'family friends/relatives' unless a direct contact to the main school Reception desk is made by the parents concerned.

Students who travel on buses will be taken through the procedures to be followed if the bus is caught in a fire path during a trip to or from school.

On days when there is a SEVERE or EXTREME fire danger rating SCHOOL WILL RUN AS NORMAL.

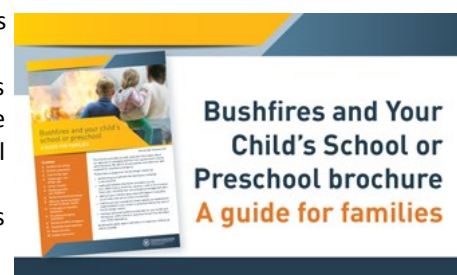
Student excursions away from site may be cancelled for the day and rescheduled by the teacher.

Off-site meetings for staff may also be cancelled. These decisions will be made by the school's Incident Response Team

It is critical that the school has up to date information about contact details for all families, including parents' work numbers, mobile numbers, emergency contact names and phone/mobile numbers.

Parents may find it helpful to build a network of communication and a student collection plan with a group of people who live nearby.

Up to date contact details for all school staff, including OSHC and cleaning staff is equally as important to ensure that families are contactable in an emergency situation.



**DECD
Emergency
Information
Hotline**

1800 000 279

Community News

BYOD Information

Students in years 7-12 are required to bring a personal device to school to use as their primary technological learning tool. Year 6 students are strongly encouraged to do so. We want to give you, as families, freedom to make technology choices that suit you and all your circumstances.

If you are overwhelmed by choice or if you are concerned about finances, please visit our order-portal at mcas.orderportal.com.au. Our order-portal provides a small number of compatible devices to choose from as well as financing options.

Our ICT team will do our best to support your personal device by offering technical support. However, this support will be limited to honour any warranties and to provide equitable support across the school.

For more information, please visit our web page:

compassas.sa.edu.au/ict-byod



TENNIS
WEDNESDAYS
MOUNT COMPASS

Fun Play Practice

2:30pm Start, Term 4
Free snack – Toasted cheese sandwiches
Free Coaching with Erica Modra

followed by 5:30pm : \$5 Curry Nights
Senior Practice and Adult Social Tennis

Mount Compass Tennis Club - Facebook ph: 0427 977 003



MOUNT COMPASS FOOTBALL
& NETBALL CLUBS

INVITE ALL MEMBERS AND
SUPPORTERS TO...

2021 SEASON LAUNCH

SATURDAY 20TH FEB

Senior Football & Netball
Training 3.30-5pm

5-6PM JUNIOR
COACHING CLINICS

SLIP AND SLIDE FOR
THE KIDS!

Teas in Clubrooms to follow for
all members and families

Registrations, Merchandise &
Sponsorship opportunities
available all afternoon

SCHOOL STREAM FREE APP

Mount Compass Area School uses this fantastic app called School Stream. Parents/caregivers can receive instantaneous information, class news, newsletters, alerts, forms etc right on your phone.

Just download app to your mobile device, agree to push notifications, administrator will approve account and once approved, open the app, type your school name into the search THEN select your school.

