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# Mount Compass Area School Newsletter

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## From the Principal

Dear families

It has certainly been another action packed, exciting term and as always, I have loved spending time in the classes watching our students engage in their learning, as well as seeing all of the extra activities and opportunities our students have access to.

### EXCITING NEWS

We have been fortunate to win a number of grants over the past few weeks that we can use to continue to upgrade our facilities to ensure our grounds are functional, but also lovely places to play and learn.

Many thanks to Alexandrina Council for the following grants:

- \$1,765 for our Middle School Playground project
- \$3,000 for our Fleurieu Swamp and Revegetation project

Many thanks also to Parents and Friends and the Target Works students for the beautiful hand crafted wooden tables and benches in our courtyard area. This will be enhanced by 2 Weather safe, permanent umbrellas, funded through a school's upgrade grant which will create a café feel to our courtyard area.

Our bush Tucker Garden is coming along nicely too, thanks to some additional grant funding – see Ms Foster's article in this newsletter.

Thanks to the dedicated staff and community members who are always looking for opportunities to apply for grants, putting in the huge effort and time to write these and advocate for our school and students.

### FUNDRAISER

I hope you have seen the information about a Movie Night fundraiser we have organised at the Victa Cinema on Saturday 1st July at 6.30 pm. Light refreshments will be provided and a Q&A with Shantae Barnes-Cowan, who is the lead actor in the movie.

There will be raffles and a wine wall to also support our fundraising efforts.

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### DIARY DATES

**CITB Introduction to Construction**  
Wednesday 28th Jun 11:00am

**Junior School Assembly**  
Wednesday 28th Jun 9:00am

**CITB Introduction to Construction**  
Wednesday 5th Jul 11:00am

**Last Day Term 2 - Early Finish**  
Friday 7th Jul 2:15pm

**Term 3 Begins**  
Friday 24th Jul

**Breakfast Club**  
Monday - Friday 8:30-8:45 am

**Reading Army**  
Monday - Thursday 8:30-8:50 am

**Principal**  
Lucie Walker

**Deputy Principal**  
Andrew Cousins

**Inclusive Education Leader R-12**  
Bre Bradley

**Student Wellbeing Leader**  
Helen Fonfe

**Junior School Coordinators**  
Callie-Ann Evans/Hayley Clarke

**Middle School Coordinator**  
Sam Blake

**Senior School Coordinator**  
Samantha McEntee

**Pastoral Care Worker**  
Chrisna van Zyl

**Governing Council Chair**  
Andrew Bradley

**Parents & Friends President**  
Janelle Paech



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## From the Principal

All funds raised will be used for our students to create a mural, to promote a stronger recognition of the traditional owners at our school.

Tickets can be purchase via: [Movie Fundraiser: Sweet As](#) | [Humanitix](#)

This should be a fun night and we really hope you can support us by gathering family and friends and coming along.

### HR UPDATE

We have a few changes in staffing for next term.

Bu Jemma returned to us for a short time, but is heading off again back to Bali. I'm sure the students and staff will miss her and we wish her every success in her new role teaching at Sekolah Dyatmika in Sanur, Bali.

We would like to welcome Rick Foster who is starting with us next week, for 6 months, to take on Jemma's work in our Targeted Learning Centre and will also be teaching some middle and senior classes.

Mr Hansen is taking some long service leave for weeks 1-8 next term and Ms Clarke is also taking leave for 4 weeks, so we would like to welcome Ms Axarlis who will be here for 8 weeks and Ms Ulcoq who will be here for 4 weeks.

Ms Stone is also taking long service leave for terms 3 & 4 and we are currently running a recruitment process for this 6 month position.

### 2024 PLANNING

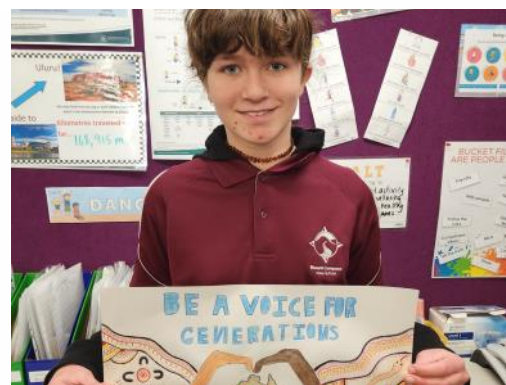
It is that time of the year again where staffing decisions are being made for the following year, so it is important we have as much accurate info as we can about our student numbers for next year. We have certainly had a lot of new enrolments this year, which is very exciting as this can positively impact greater subject choices and other opportunities for students. If you are aware of families who live in our catchment area who are looking to enrol at Mount Compass, could you please suggest they make a time to meet with me as soon as possible for a school tour. In addition to this, if you are intending to enrol your child in another school in 2024, could you please make contact with the school and let us know.

Wishing you a safe and happy last few weeks of the term and certainly looking forward to some finer weather over the holidays. Many thanks for your ongoing support as we work together to provide the best possible education for your children and as always, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries or concerns.

Kind regards

Lucie

Inspired by a true story, Sweet As is about unconventional friendships.



## What's been happening?



### OLIVE PICKING

In week 5, 9 year 10s including myself drove up to Ms Fonfe's property and went olive picking. There was row of trees filled with olives that we shook off using a machine that shook the low part of the tree whilst we spread around it and used long sticks to hit it. Under the tree we laid out sheets to then move all the olives into the tractor trailer. In between, we were spoilt and bought lunch and made cakes and treats that were delicious. Throughout the end of picking, the Fleurieu newspaper came down and interviewed us about what are doing and took a couple of photos as well which were put onto the front page of the newspaper. Even though we ended up getting quite dirty, I thoroughly enjoyed and felt good that we were able to help and make a difference.

*By Sophia Moore (Year 10)*

Over the next few weeks the oil will be bottled and labelled. The oil will be entered into the Royal Adelaide Show.

The olive oil will be for sale soon from Student Services for \$15 for a 1 litre bottle.

### DAD'S CAMP OUT 27TH MAY & WORKING BEE 28TH MAY

Nine dads and fourteen students braved the cold and heavy rain on May 27/28 for the inaugural Dads Camp Out. Camping on the top oval they had dinner provided by the school, pulled pork cooked by Chrisna, which was enjoyed by all! The students enjoyed playing games around the school in the dark, which was interspersed with marshmallows around the campfire. Very heavy rain in the morning saw the fun run get shifted into the gym where MCAS Running Club members took the campers through some warm up runs and exercises before a game of Dads v Students indoor soccer, with the competitive dads winning 4-2 (sorry mums!).

Thank you to the Parents and Friends who provided breakfast and to Mrs Walker for negotiating the BBQ. Before going home the dads and students cleaned up the fence line on Arthur Road in preparation of further developing this area of the school.

### MECHANICAL FIRST AID

Wednesday the 31st of May a group of the year 10 and 11 students went to the Mount Compass mechanics in order to learn about the basic process of cars and how to maintain them as apart of the leadership group's goal of activating opportunities for young people. This allowed students to learn the basic processes surrounding cars such as checking and changing oil, what's under the hood and how to change a tire, allowing students to experience and understand the knowledge of a mechanic, opening up possible career opportunities or sparking interests. Thank you so much to Ian from Mount Compass Mechanics, who gave up time out of his day in order to open up opportunities and share his wealth of knowledge.

*Ami Van Zyl (Year 11)*

### YEAR 11 AND 12 PHYSICS

The year 11 and 12 physics crew represented us well at Flinders on Wednesday 7th June, doing an electronics workshop and an industry visit to Micro X at Tonsley. Thanks to Chrisna van Zyl for coming along with us.

Studying physics strengthens quantitative reasoning and problem solving skills that are valuable in areas beyond physics.





## What's been happening?

### JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

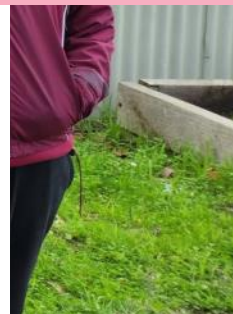
We've had a busy Term 2 in the Junior School! Some of our recent events have been...

### NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

On Wednesday 24th May, our school again participated in National Simultaneous Storytime, along with over 2 million other participants at almost 60,000 different locations including child care centres, preschools, schools, libraries, homes and community centres.

Each year on the same day, participants all read the same book. This year the book was 'The Speedy Sloth' by Sydney author Rebecca Young and illustrated by Heath McKenzie from Melbourne.

We had special guests – principal, Mrs Lucie Walker and a soft toy sloth, read the book to our R-5 students and their families at our assembly. Students also engaged with a range of accompanying activities in their classrooms throughout the day, including a sloth craft.



### FOOTSTEPS DANCE LESSONS

On Fridays from Week 1-5 of this term our R-5 students have participated in Footsteps Dance Lessons. A professional dance instructor from Footsteps took groups of classes in the gym, and taught them dances to a couple of well-known songs. Students were taught the moves step by step, with catchy instructions that helped them to remember each part. It is always amazing to see the fast progress of learning these dance steps and putting them together for a whole song. Students had fun and were active.

### R-2 SWIMMING LESSONS

In Week 7, Ms Davis, Mrs Smith, Ms Gillet and Ms Stewart's classes undertook swimming lessons at Noarlunga Aquatic Centre. Students learnt vital water safety and survival skills, using a range of flotation devices including life jackets, noodles and kickboards. Students also learnt stroke techniques, plus diving for and retrieving sinking toys and learnt to enter the water in a range of ways. On Friday students were able to have some fun with some free play in the water, using various equipment and finished with a water dance party!

Esther "At swimming I floated on my back."

Slater "At swimming I went in the deep pool."

Quinn "At swimming I loved everything."

Jackson "At swimming I went under the water."

### BUSH TUCKER GARDEN

In addition to the initial support & funding provided through Parents & Friends we have also been awarded another grant. Ryan from Woolworths came to present the certificate for successfully receiving a Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant of \$1000 to put into the schools Bush Tucker Garden. Kiara Edwards and students from her agriculture classes put together the application for the grant. The Bush Tucker Garden Project Team will meet regularly to plan further implementation of the garden.

Learning to swim early on will reduce a child's fear of water, making pools and beaches less stressful environments.







## What's been happening?

### BLUE

Blue sounds like crashing waves against the cliff-side shore,  
Blue tastes like yummy bubble gum ice cream on a hot Summer day,  
Blue looks like a new glossy whiteboard marker,  
Blue feels like the hot metal on a brand-new car,  
Blue smells like a yummy blue lollipop straight out the wrapper.

*By Sahara Marshall (Year 5)*

### RAINBOW

Red tastes like a yummy ripe dragon fruit on a plate,  
Orange looks like a golden chestnut horse,  
Yellow smells like the bitter aroma of lemon on fish,  
Green sounds like trees rustling in the wintery breeze,  
Blue feels like the ocean washing over your bare feet,  
Indigo sounds like a bluebird chirping to her chicks in her nest,  
Violet looks like the small purple flowers on my farm.

*By Torah Paech (Year 5)*

### BLUE

Blue is like a bright sky that makes me fly,  
Blue is like a blueberry that makes me jump high,  
Blue is like the sad emotion when saying bye,  
Blue is like the ocean when I am swimming that makes me cry,  
Blue is like your tears when a loved one dies.

*By Indiana Sibbald (Year 5)*

### GREEN

Green is the flow of grass in the wind,  
Green is the sound of a cricket chirping,  
Green is the strong smell of a lavender stem,  
Green is the taste of gummy mint leaves,  
Green is the touch of a grasshopper that just jumped on me.

*By Jade Townley (Year 4)*

### GREY

Grey is the colour of Sperm Whales that dive down so deep,  
Grey is the colour of the gruel that I don't want to eat,  
Grey is the colour of the small stingray,  
Grey is the colour of the rocks by the bay.

*By Hamish Thomson (Year 4)*



The practice of poetry strengthens language, writing, and speaking skills.

### YEAR 3 CAMP ADARE VICTOR HARBOR - DAY 1

After a cold, make that freezing start to the Y3 camp, which began with a play at the Victor playground, we met Jas and Paul, our camp organisers, and hiked to Adare camp. Here, we had lunch before embarking on two different tribal games. They included the torch relay (tennis balls on top of plastic pipe) and the golf ball half pipe challenge. This was followed by a welcome afternoon tea. THEN, the days BIG event the water challenge. Everyone participated in overs and unders with a sponge, a pipe course, a mud crawl and a lock and key treasure chest, and puzzle to finish the challenge. Dinner filled our bellies, and then we settled down with a movie before what we hope will be a big nights sleep! Stay tuned for Day 2 of camp in the next newsletter...



## What's been happening?

### MT COMPASS MECHANICAL

How to change a wheel on a passenger vehicle

- Pull over in a safe area
  - o Well off the road, away from traffic. If you have a reflective triangle, place it down the road so that traffic coming your way will see you are broken-down.
  - o Look for flat ground.
- Apply the handbrake. Note that the handbrake only brakes the rear wheels.
- Leave the vehicle in first gear. Note that a front wheel drive vehicle stops the front wheels turning and on a rear wheel drive vehicle this will stop the rear wheels from turning.
- Chock a wheel as well to stop any other movement. You can use two large rocks or tree branches found locally. When you chock a wheel you should place the rocks at the front and rear of the wheel. If you are jacking up the rear wheel place the chocks at the front wheel and vice versa if you are jacking up the front wheel.
- Remove the spare wheel from the boot and place it under the vehicle as near to where you will place the jack. This is a safety measure in case the vehicle falls off of the jack. This will stop the vehicle from completely falling to the ground.
- Loosen the wheel nuts. All modern passenger cars have right hand thread wheel studs. This means that to undo the nut is anticlockwise. If you can't undo the nuts, place the wheel brace horizontal, place a hand on the vehicle and use your preferred leg to push down on the brace. Just loosen the nuts so you can just undo the nuts with your fingers.
- Once these nuts have been loosened you will need to place the jack under the vehicle. You will need to refer to the owner's manual on where the jack can be placed under the vehicle.
- Clear the ground of any small rocks that may make the jack unstable. If you are in sandy conditions you can use a car mat under the jack. Wind the jack up until the wheel is off the ground. Keep in mind that the flat tyre will have to be wound up more so the spare can be fitted.
- Undo the wheel nuts, remove the flat tyre and place it next to the spare under the vehicle. Place the spare on the vehicle and fit all of the wheel nuts. When you do the wheel nuts up (clockwise) you should always do them up opposite each other. The first one at twelve o'clock, the second at six o'clock and so on. This will ensure that the wheel will go on flat and the tapered nuts are sitting within the taper on the wheel. Lightly tighten the wheel nuts with the wheel brace.
- Once the wheel nuts are have been lightly tightened you can lower the jack and remove it from under the vehicle.
- When the vehicle is back on the ground you can finish tightening the wheel nuts. Again place the wheel brace horizontally and stand on the wheel brace, turning it clockwise. Repeat this until the nuts are fully tightened.
- Remove the chocks from the wheel, pack everything away in the right places.

Tire changing and checking oil levels do not require expert instruction, but it is a fundamental skill that everyone should learn.



## Community News

### Mount Compass Area School Movie Night Fundraiser

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July  
Victa Cinema @ 6.30pm



Light refreshments provided and a Q&A with **Shantae Barnes-Cowan**, (lead actor) who will be there to support our fundraising.

All funds raised will be used for our students to create a mural, to promote a stronger recognition of the traditional owners at our school.

Tickets can be purchase via:  
[Movie Fundraiser: Sweet As | Humanitix](#)

## Community News

### HOSTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

"South Australian Government Schools has been providing study abroad experiences to international students since 1989. There are 100 government high schools in metropolitan Adelaide and regional South Australia accredited to deliver the International Student Program. We currently welcome over 1000 students from 35 countries to our schools. Both local and international students have the opportunity to meet and mix with other cultures and become global citizens.

As our student numbers are increasing so is our need for homestay families. As a local family hosting an international student, you will have the chance to:

- learn about other cultures, customs and traditions
- make lifelong friendships with students and their families
- participate in activities and meet other host families
- explore fun things to see and do in South Australia

South Australian Government Schools offers ongoing support to all homestay families with a 24 hour emergency phone service. The homestay community is supported through networking events and workshops, held regularly throughout the year. Host families receive a homestay fee.

We appreciate your support and hope that we can work together to grow an incredible homestay community for international students choosing to study in South Australia."



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**Join our homestay program**

For more information, scan the QR code, visit [internationalstudents.sa.edu.au](https://internationalstudents.sa.edu.au), or call us on 8226 3402.



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### 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](https://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](https://compassas.sa.edu.au/ict-byod)



**RECLINK STREET BASKETBALL**  
AT MOUNT COMPASS

**MONDAYS** during school term  
**3:30 - 4:30pm**  
at MOUNT COMPASS AREA SCHOOL

Join NBL1 player Orlando Zohar and learn the game of Street Basketball, 3 versus 3 from the neighbourhoods of New York. This is a youth-focused program, beginners welcome!

**COST:** Free  
**REGISTRATIONS AND INFO:**  
[events.humanitix.com/reclink-street-basketball-for-youth](https://events.humanitix.com/reclink-street-basketball-for-youth)  
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