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Week 4 Issue 5

# Mount Compass Area School Newsletter

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## From the Principal

Dear Families

There has been a focus on futures, pathways and careers over the past few weeks with students attending a range of excursions and events including the Flinders University Open Day, Aboriginal Learner Congress at the Convention centre and the STEM day out to name a few.

We also held our annual Subject Information session last night and were really pleased to see over 20 families attend this important event. Information was provided about the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE), university pathways and also accessing vocational education and training (VET) as part of the SACE. Metal fabrication, plumbing, occupation therapy and astrophysics are a few of the pathways our students are exploring. It will be an absolute privilege to support our students to achieve their hopes and aspirations and we are certainly looking forward to doing this over the next few years of their secondary school journey.

Another exciting event is Careers Compass which is being held on Wednesday, 20th September from 4.00pm – 7.00pm. Students can explore vocational opportunities and pathways within our local community and this event will also provide students, families and local businesses a chance to come together and celebrate what makes the Mount Compass region such a great place to live and work. The school recognises the exciting aspects of learning in a rural community and the capacity for our students to experience their learning in real-life practical situations, which requires a much appreciated commitment from our community. The event also includes a complimentary dinner of roast meat and salads and while the focus is on future pathways and vocations, it is definitely and all ages event. More details on facebook and while RSVP's are not required, please register your interest in attending so we have some idea of numbers and catering.

### A few other things:

You may be hearing a lot about Artificial Intelligence and ChatGPT in the media. Artificial intelligence (AI) refers to the ability of systems or computers to do things that would normally require human intelligence. AI is used in many products and services we use daily, from search engines to smartphone assistance. AI products are widely available, and they're

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### DIARY DATES

**Book Week - Dressup Day & Parade**  
Thursday 24th Aug

**Book Fair**  
Thursday 24th Aug - Tuesday 28th August

**Wear It Purple Day**  
Friday 25th Aug

**Course Counselling**  
Wednesday 30th Aug

**Master Builder Session**  
Thursday 31st Aug

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

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

**Principal**  
Lucie Walker

**Acting Deputy Principal**  
Sam Blake

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

**Student Wellbeing Leader**  
Helen Fonfe

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Callie-Ann Evans/Hayley Clarke

**Acting Middle School Coordinator**  
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**Senior School Coordinator**  
Samantha McEntee

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**Governing Council Chair**  
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**Parents & Friends President**  
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tool is ChatGPT. There have been a lot of conversations about the use of AI in schools and expected to keep changing and improving quickly. Currently the most popular generative AI how this could be used as a tool, but also how we can ensure the appropriate use of this technology.

For further information, please click on the following link.

[AI information for parents and carers](#)

### PARENT SURVEY

During the week beginning Monday 31 July you would have received an email or SMS from the Parent Survey Team with a unique link to participate in the survey. If you did not receive an email or SMS with your unique survey link, contact [education.ParentSurvey@sa.gov.au](mailto:education.ParentSurvey@sa.gov.au) and include our school's name in your email.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out and thanks again for all your work and support as we strive to provide the best education and opportunities for our fabulous students at Mount Compass Area School.

Kind regards

Lucie

## What's been happening?

### CONGRATULATIONS

U12 School Sport Australian Nationals for Football held at Lavington (Albury) NSW from 5th August until 11th August. Bailey L (Year 6) represented South Australia from MCAS.

The U12 South Australian Football Boys finished the Championships 2nd after narrowly missing out against Victoria on the last day of competition. They also were awarded 'Fair Play Award' on how they conducted their behaviour on and off the field. A great championship and experience had by all.

### FUNDRAISER FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Ella in Year 1, P3 is participating in a fundraiser for Multiple Sclerosis (MS). Her goal for this fundraiser is to read at least x2 books per day in the month of August in order to raise \$500 to help people with MS. What a fantastic and compassionate initiative. Well done Ella!

### NGARRINDJERI LANGUAGE

Kyla McHughes a Ngarrindjeri language teacher from Victor Harbor joined our Year 4/5 classes on 29th June to teach the children how to make Nunga Bands in a connecting to country workshop. It was a lovely lesson celebrating connection to country and connection to each other.

Multiple sclerosis is a lifelong disease for which there is no known cure...yet.



# What's been happening?



## JUNIOR SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Last term our Junior School assembly was moved from Week 8 to Week 9 due to Year 3 camp. Ms Woodward's Year 4 class hosted with Ms Davis' Reception class sharing their recounts and art work about Swimming Lessons and Mrs Becker's Lunchtime Glee Club singing a song.

We congratulate our award winners listed below, who received a School Values award for displaying either Respect (R), Kindness (K) or Integrity (I).

<b>R Davis</b>	Aiyla B (K)	Charlotte M (I)	Brodie E (K)	Cooper D (R)
<b>R/1 Smith</b>	Tanner C (I)	William F (I)	Layla B (K)	
<b>1/2 Gillett</b>	Delilah D (K)	Everly E (I)	Henry C (R)	Orson B (R)
<b>2 Stewart</b>	Eira P (I)	Ned P(I)		
<b>3 Clarke/Hansen</b>	Jack B (R)	Holly T (R)	Nelly P (I)	
<b>3 Foster/Ollino</b>	Gary E (I)	Sky-Lah S (I)	Liam K (I)	
<b>4 Woodward</b>	Lachlan M (I)	Sofie S (K)	Starla R (R)	
<b>4/5 Becker</b>	Laura C (I)	Clay C (I)	Jasmine P (I)	Will W (I)
<b>5 De Zilwa</b>	Harvey R (I)	Isaac V (R)	Audrey A (K)	

This week, we had Mrs Becker's Year 4/5 class supporting Miss Davis's Receptions to host the assembly. Miss Stewart's Year 2s shared their HASS interviews, flower clocks and crayon persuasive writing. Ms De Zilwa's class shared a range of creative and entertaining poems they had written.

Congratulations to our Week 4 award winners, who received Respect (R), Kindness (K) or Integrity (I) school value awards.

<b>R Davis</b>	Zara C (K)	Jackson P (R)	Esther B (I)	Cole A (I)
<b>R/1 Smith</b>	Aurora C (R)	Jasmine K (K)	Charlotte H (I)	
<b>1/2 Gillett</b>	Charlotte R (K)	Cruz B (R)	Gracie H (I)	
<b>2 Stewart</b>	Charlotte J (I)	Oliver A (I)	Keely H (R)	
<b>3 Axarlis</b>	Kobe M (I)	Harry M (K)	Harmony C (R)	
<b>3 Foster/Ollino</b>	Lockie D (I)	Willow N (K)	Emme C (I)	Max A (I)
<b>4 Woodward</b>	Jessica G (R)	An Na L (R)	Toby Y (K)	Amelia H (I)
<b>4/5 Becker</b>	Lorenzo P (I)	Alex A (I)	Jade T (R)	
<b>5 De Zilwa</b>	Darcy A (I)	Oscar B (I)	Sahara M (I)	

Two additional awards were presented on behalf of Chereleen from OSHC for showing Integrity to Tanner C and Khloe F.

Integrity is a very important virtue to have in life because it helps you to be a good person.





## What's been happening?

Our next assembly will be Week 8 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 9am. Hosted by Ms Foster & Ms Ollino's Year 3 Class and learning presented by Mrs Smith's R/1 Class

### TERM 2 LEXILE AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students who received a Lexile Award for their Term 2 reading achievements.

Bronze (10 or more quizzes passed or 75,000 words read)				Silver (25 or more quizzes passed or 100,000 words read)		Gold (50 or more quizzes passed or 150,000 words read)	
Ms Stewart		Ms Woodward		Ms Stewart		Ms Foster / Ms Ollino	
Flynn H	Eira P	Lachlan M	Joey B	Oliver A	Keeley H	Isaac D	Sky-Lah S
Mrs Clarke/Mr Hansen		Mrs Becker		Sam M	Elle K	Ms Woodward	
Eva S	Ashlee R	Will W	Lorenzo P	Darcy S		Toby Y	
Kobe M	Maddy P	Clay Co	Jade K	Mrs Clarke/Mr Hansen		Mrs Becker	
Harmony C	Bailey S	Harlow W	Hamish T	Eliza H		Torah P	Laura C
Ms Foster / Ms Ollino		Hudson T	Vin R	Ms Woodward		Jasmine P	
Iggi G	Taj B	Jayde T		Sophia H		Ms De Zilwa	
Amelia D	Clay C	Ms De Zilwa		Mrs Becker		Maya K	
Ella M	Jayden O	Cooper B	Skylah M	Mila P	Nathan D		
		Harvey R		Ms De Zilwa			
				Esther B			



Reading helps them to feel more optimistic, and to see a world in which they can reach higher and achieve their dreams.

### BOOK WEEK

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August students are encouraged to dress up as a book character or something that fits the 2023 theme of 'Read, Inspire, Grow'. We will parade around the block to showcase our costumes to family and friends. Students will also participate in a range of Book Week activities with their classes during Week 5.

### ABORIGINAL LEARNER STEM CONGRESS

On Thursday the 10th and Friday the 11th of August students Callum, Rhyen, Indy, Amarli and Ahnikah attended the Aboriginal Learner STEM Congress at the Adelaide Convention Centre. The congress was opened by our Premier Peter Malinauskas and the Welcome to Country was presented by Uncle Moogy.

Students first challenge was at Adelaide University which involved getting a rover out of a rubber tub without touching the sides as part of an Off-World Engineers Challenge. Students had to program the vehicle to do a 360

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## What's been happening?

before going over the ramp. Students could buy resources to help but they had a limited budget. At lunch time students were able to talk with people from various organisations and Universities about career pathways.

On Friday we listened to Natan Noel share his inspiring journey following his passion for Marine Biology. He also included some of the challenges he has faced when he was an Aboriginal student and what his dreams and passions were growing up. Natan gave students tips and ideas on what they could do to achieve their passions including career pathways and possible opportunities they could take. Chrisna and Miss Foster had the opportunity to speak to Natan as we were leaving. We wanted to tell him how inspiring he was and how much we enjoyed his presentation.

Corey Tutt also shared his passion for the Deadly Science program before we attended our first session on constellations and the Aboriginal names for the Southern Cross and the Three Sisters. Students recreated the constellations using a light and a box to project them on to the roof.

The final session for the congress was to create a woomera by drawing, creating with playdough and finally using the VR Headset. Students looked at various different styles and shapes of Wommera's and also learnt about how they are used to project a spear. Students learnt about how spinifex grass is heated to create a resin to help stick parts onto the woomeras. This session was run by Dr Caty Morris and Rita-Mae Ellen Ross who are from the University of Adelaide and Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Mathematics Alliance.

Students had a wonderful time and learnt a lot about STEM and how they can achieve more than they think they can by breaking problems into parts. The challenges also enabled students to have to problem solve and work as a team. Callum showed us how confident he is to share the ideas and challenges faced by the team with the whole group. He was confident to talk using a microphone and demonstrated a high level of enthusiasm for all tasks. Thank you to Chrisna for swapping her days to come along with us.

Yesterday at STEM we went to Adelaide Uni and played with rovers. I programmed the rover to get out of the crater and everyone else built a ramp. I enjoyed working with the rover and I want to work for NASA.  
*By Callum (Year 5)*

Today we went to VR spear throwing and we had to draw a woomera and make it with playdough and then us VR headsets. Yesterday and today we went on the train but yesterday we had to walk to Adelaide Uni. I had to draw the team emblem for our Off-World Challenge. I used Chrisna's hand and the school logo.  
*By Rhyan (Year 6)*

Although I was only able to participate in one day at the stem congress instead of two because of my Vet, the day I did attend was fun and was about interesting topics. The two sessions were stories in the stars and launching a VR spear. The stories in the stars went over different constellations and how the first nation's people explained the

Aboriginal students, elders and academics to explore STEM connections to Aboriginal culture and inspire future STEM pathways for all Aboriginal learners.

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## What's been happening?

story behind them. It was cool and interesting seeing the differences and similarities between the first nation's people's stories of the constellations compared to other cultures. The session on launching a VR spear was about the first nation's spear thrower and the maths and physics behind the spears they used to make. I personally found the explanation about how they used to make them and the science behind them more interesting than the creation of our own. We were taught how the spears used to work with physics and learnt how the first nation's people used the land around them to create effective weapons to help with their science behind the spear and throwing it.

*By Indyanna (Year 11)*

On Thursday we had to sit in a room with lots of other people while they talked about STEM. Then we were able to go to our first activity. We had to create something to get the rover out of the crater. We decided to make a ramp like all the other groups. We went to the University of Adelaide for the activity. We had a couple of obstacles to get around when building the ramp. Our activity was until lunch and we were given wraps, cheese crackers and a piece of banana bread. Then we headed back to the train to Seaford and then school.

On the second day we went on the train again and our first activity was making constellations with a cardboard box and light. We stabbed to box to let the light through. Our next activity was called launching a VR spear. We had to design our woomera by drawing them on an ipad or paper. We then listened to more people's stories and some of them sounded amazing like Natan Noel who was told by his dad, "if you don't know what to do, do something." We had lunch and hopped on the train. The past two days very a lot of fun and were really interesting. I'm glad I was part of it.

*By Ahnikah (Year 8)*

### WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday, 5th July we held a whole school assembly. Some highlights included:

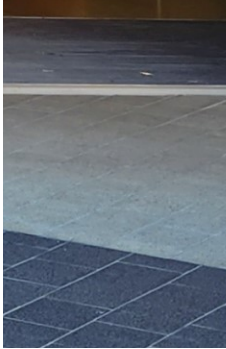
Mr Nizzola acknowledging sports achievements from the past 2 terms including Tom and Ruby who won the Southern Vales and Fleurieu Schools Tennis Championship organised by Jodie White.

Principal Lucie Walker announced our School Captains for 2023/2024. Congratulations to Emilie Campain-Burns and Jasmine Carroll.

Students in Ms De Zilwa's and Mrs Becker's Year 4-5 classes talked about their 'Give Back Project'.

### COWS CREATE CAREERS

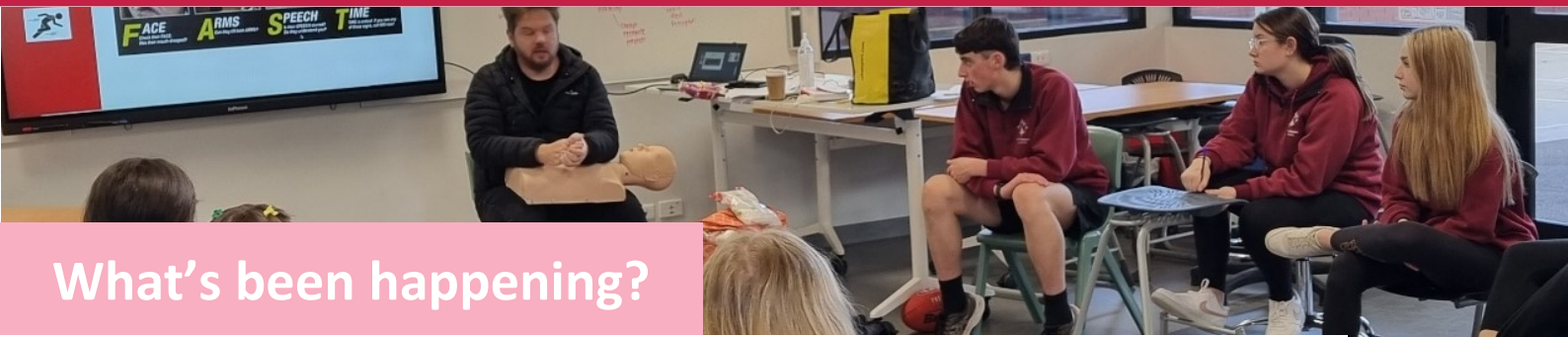
Congratulations to our Year 8 agriculture class who have won the Cows Create Careers program for our region. The students will now put together a submission to compete for the national title.



Cows Create Careers is a highly popular, free, program that engages and educates young people about careers in the Australian dairy industry

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## What's been happening?

The Cows Create Careers program runs for a term and students are required to look after two calves for three weeks. We had some families come in and help with feeding throughout the program. Students then had to complete some assignments based around the dairy industry.

Thank you to the Brokenshire family for the loan of the two Jersey calves. Thank you also to John Maidment from Compass Feeds for being our industry advocate for the program. Well done Year 8's!

### SENIOR SCHOOL BASIC FIRST AID COURSE

On Wednesday 16th August we had 18 students complete their Basic First Aid training. The training was delivered by Nick from FirstaidPro.

Some students needed this training as a requirement to peruse their post-school pathways, but many elected to do this training to prepare themselves in administering First Aid, if the need ever arises.

Thank you to our Student Leaders have been planning this event since Term 1.

### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

On 7<sup>th</sup> August students who are in their first year of learning to play an instrument in a band were invited to participate in the Brighton *Instrumental Music Beginner Band Workshop*. The aim of the workshop was to provide concert band students with the experience of ensemble playing and enjoy music making with their peers from other schools.

I thought it was cool to play in a band like this.

By Isaac (Year 5)

I thought the band was good seeing other people play.

By Mitchell (Year 5)

I enjoyed it because I got lots of help learning new notes.

By Finn (Year 5)

I thought it was great and I loved how the Year 10s mentored us, then when they all performed it sounded exquisite.

By Esther (Year 5)

I enjoyed it because it was a challenge to do, learning new notes and they had some really good songs.

By Harvey (Year 5)

I really liked going to the Brighton Band Workshop because I got to play in a band with other kids my ability. The music was fun to play and was very engaging.

By Stirling (Year 8)

The playing of instrumental music affects the academic and cognitive abilities of students.





# What's been happening?

## ADARE YEAR 3 CAMP DAY 2

The day started with rain at about 6:00 with rain outside. Students were up and packed by 7:00. As a result of the rain, students were involved in activities inside at the camp-site. Students had cereal, toast and juice for breakfast and chocolate brownies and fruit for recess. Students took part in team challenges such as building high towers, a number challenge and a ball challenge. The wolves won the challenges and were given a cup cake each as a prize. He ate salad sandwiches for lunch and had icy poles before getting on to the bus.

Last Wednesday and Thursday we travelled to Adare campsite at Victor Harbor. The food at Adare was amazing and it tasted so good. When I did the water obstacle we all got so wet. When we had to crawl under the net we got really muddy. It was so much fun. When we first arrived at camp we were all so hungry but we could not eat. My most favourite things were the water obstacle course and the team building exercises. I bunked with Will, Maddy, Harmony, Nelly, Eliza and Abby. The teachers that came were Miss Foster, Miss Walker and Mr Hansen. My team was called the leopard sharks we lost but the other teams were called walves and cheeters. We all had so much fun. The team that won was the wolves. They got a prize and their prize was cupcakes. The bus was so cool and it had lights that were blue and a TV at the front and lots of little TVs around the bus.

*By Willow (Year 3)*

On Wednesday it was camp day, we packed our bags, got on a big bus and drove to Adare campsite. At Adare we played lots of fun games like ball in the hole, tower stack and the water obstacle and many other really fun games. For dinner on Wednesday we ate spaghetti and garlic bread. On Wednesday night we got to watch a movie and we got to sleep in bunk beds. On Thursday we had brownies and icy poles.

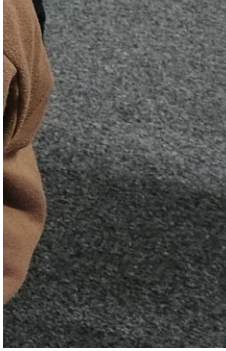
*By Liam (Year 3)*

On Wednesday I went to a camp with my class and the other year three classes to the Victor Harbor Adare camp. When we got there we unpacked our bags and put them in a game room after we unpacked all bags and stuff we got back on the bus and drove to a playground. After we had a play on the playground we walked back to the Adare camp. When we got back we took out stuff upstairs into our dorm room. My room number was 6. I had Ashlee in my room, Emma, Iggy, Amelia and my teacher in my room was Jodee. Amelia, Iggy and I could not get to sleep even though I was on the top bunk and at home I am too, so it was strange. In the morning we had breakfast and got ready for our morning activity.

*By Codee (Year 3)*

Last Wednesday and Thursday we travelled to the Adare camp to Victor Harbor. It was fun and I loved the food. I liked the sleep and the garlic bread was good. The obstacle was fun and I saw a cow on the bus ride too. When we got to Adare I liked the playground.

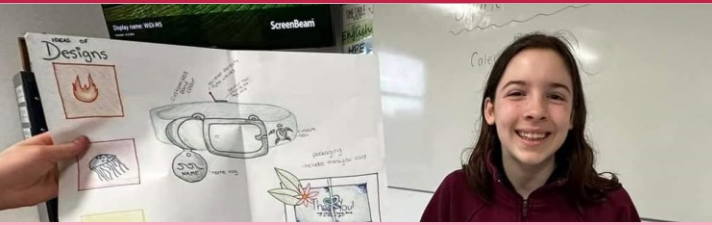
*By Gary (Year 3)*



Camps offer students a unique opportunity to learn outside of the classroom, develop their social skills, and explore the world around them.







# What's been happening?

## OLIVE OIL - TARGET WORKS

On the 22nd of June, the Target Work students were given an opportunity to experience harvesting olives at Strout Farm, Willunga.

The olives picked produced 200 litres of olive oil. The Frantoio Extra Virgin Olive Oil is available in 1 litre bottles. Purchasing bottle/s of the olive oil can be made on QKR for \$15/bottle and collected from Student Services or simply come into Student Services, pay and collect.

All profits will go to the Target Works program.



## SHARK TANK

On Friday 7th July Mrs Davis's Year 7/8 students outdid themselves as they presented a pitch to our Shark Tank judges. So competent, confident and engaging. A very proud teacher moment for Mrs Davis. Well done kids!

# Resource News

## AUTHOR VISIT - JANE JOLLY

On Monday 24th July the R-5's were visited by author Jane Jolly. Jane has written lots of books! She shared quite a few with us and read her story "Captain Thunderbolt's Recital", and then showed us some items from the 'old days' that feature in her book "Tea and Sugar Christmas". We looked at a teapot, tea leaves and sugar cubes (the children thought her knitted tea cozy for the teapot was quite amusing). Jane also read a couple of books to us she'd made using paper and stapling them together! She encouraged us all to have a go at making our own stories.

## BOOK FAIR - 24TH AUGUST TO 29TH AUGUST (WEEK 5)

We would love to see you at the Scholastic Book Fair in the Resource Centre starting on the **Thursday 24th August 8:30am - 4:00pm**. You and your child will have the opportunity to explore a huge range of affordable books featuring characters and subjects kids love and want to read about. From newly released books and bestsellers to award-winning titles and perennial favourites.

## PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Just a reminder that the end date for completed student reading record forms is **FRIDAY 8th SEPTEMBER**. Extensions cannot be granted due to award ordering deadlines. The challenge is a wonderful way for parents to share reading with their children.

Shark Tank encourages and nurtures the entrepreneurial dreams of students.



**Students  
& Families  
Welcome**

ALL AGES EVENT

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

# CAREERS COMPASS

MOUNT COMPASS AREA SCHOOL  
4PM-7PM



COMPLIMENTARY  
DINNER INCLUDING  
ROASTED MEATS  
& SALADS

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND CONNECTION

**STALLS • DISPLAYS • INTERACTIVE EVENTS • FOOD**

WE WILL BE SHOWCASING A RANGE OF INDUSTRIES AND VOCATIONS IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY, ENABLING STUDENTS, PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS TO CONNECT WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES AND HEAR ABOUT CAREER OPTIONS, LEARN ABOUT PATHWAYS AND EXPLORE THE SCOPE OF OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AREA

*Students who actively explore, experience and think about their futures in work while still in education can expect better employment outcomes in adulthood.  
OECD (2022)*



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Area School

## Community News

### SCHOOL SPEED LIMIT ZONE

Please can the community be reminded that it is 25km when children are present on Arthur Road, School Road or the Town Oval. Alexandrina Council are considering extra safety measures which can be put in place for Arthur Road because it has become especially dangerous when students are walking to the school farm or the boardwalk on Arthur Road.



### 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.



1. Download the app to your mobile device,
2. Agree to push notifications
3. The administrator will then approve the account
4. Once approved, open the app
5. Type your school name into the search THEN select Mount Compass Area School

## 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)

**Sunnies for Schools**  
Supported by **see optometry** and **Rotary Victor Harbor**

**Summer's finally here! The Sunnies For Schools program is launching at Mount Compass Area School this season.**

The Sunnies for Schools program is a \$20,000 initiative started in 2022 by See Optometry and Rotary Victor Harbor to provide children in junior school with a free pair of sunglasses.

Summer is the perfect time to start thinking about protecting your child's eyes against harmful UV radiation.

Register for your free pair of sunnies today.

Register your child today.  
Go to:  
[sunniesforschools.com.au](https://sunniesforschools.com.au)

## Community News

AUGUST  
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# JOIN US FOR THE MOUNT COMPASS TENNIS CLUB OPEN DAY!!

## Mount Compass Tennis Club 9am-11am

2023- 24 Tennis Season Registration and Open Day

Sunday August 27th

Free BBQ breakfast

Games with our new Club Coach - Benny Seidel from Xeed Tennis

Please let us know if you can't attend but want to play this season

We also invite any nominations for committee positions including Vice

President and Secretary and General Committee members for our AGM

Questions? Email: [mtcompasstennis@gmail.com](mailto:mtcompasstennis@gmail.com)