



Mount Compass Area School Newsletter

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From the Principal

Dear Families,

PLANNING FOR 2024

It is that time of the year again where we are looking at enrolments, developing the timetable structure and planning for next year. We have also been making decisions about staffing and again are fortunate to be able to get this in place early to support the continuity of staffing in our school.

It is my absolute pleasure to let everyone know that the following staff have been appointed permanently to our school.

- Sandy Oosterwegel
- Mary Gillett

I am so proud of the positive feedback we are receiving about our school and this is certainly evident by the high number of enrolment enquiries we are receiving. We have a strong commitment to our local community, so have made the difficult decision to primarily keep enrolments to those families in our catchment area. To help our planning for 2024, if you are aware of families in our local 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.

TERM 4 STAFFING UPDATE

Congratulation to Sally Pokoney and her husband Nathan on the birth of their baby, Hamish, last Thursday. Sally will be taking leave and we wish her well for this exciting new chapter. We would like to welcome Eliza Penman, who is stepping into science for term 4.

Ash Smith is also leaving us at the end of the term to have her baby, and we would like to welcome back Jess Steimanis 3 days a week and also welcome Carina Coleman for the other 2 days in the Reception / Year 1 class.

WELLBEING UPDATE

The wellbeing survey is an annual survey that we ask our students from year 4 to complete, so that we can find out information about their happiness, health, wellbeing and relationships with others. We really value this information as it is extremely useful to inform

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DIARY DATES

- Careers Compass**
Wednesday 20th Sept 4:00-7:00pm
- R-5 Market Day**
Friday 22nd Sept 11:30am-1:00pm
- Talk Money - Year 9**
Wednesday 27th Sept
- Early finish Last day of Term**
Friday 29th Sept 2:15pm
- Term 4 begins**
Monday 16th Oct
- Lions Eye Screening**
Friday 26th Oct
- 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
- Junior School Coordinators**
Callie-Ann Evans/Hayley Clarke
- Acting Middle School Coordinator**
Vince Nizzola
- 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

our work and ensure we are doing the best we can for every child.

While there was a lot to celebrate in this data, until 100% of our students are experience a high level of wellbeing in all areas, there is still work to do, so we will continue to focus on this important aspect of school alongside of our focus on high quality teaching and learning.

Our data...

- 86% of our students are generally feeling happy
- 76% reported feeling satisfied with life
- 91% feel connected to our school
- 96% of students feel supported by their teachers and have a good relationship with them
- 81% feel cared for and respected by teachers and peers
- 91% reported high wellbeing in relation to bullying (physical, social, emotional, cyber)
- 89% feel confident about their academic abilities

Some things to explore....

- 22% of students are not getting a good night's sleep regularly
- 25% reported not eating breakfast regularly
- 24% don't feel good about their overall health
- 44% of students reported low resilience
- 29% reported struggles with emotional regulation
- 27% feel worried about aspects of life

What has improved since last year?

Our students are experiencing an increase in:

- satisfaction with life
- meeting their goals and expectations
- motivation
- happiness
- friendships
- learning practices

Many thanks for your ongoing support as we work together to provide the best possible education for your children and as always please don't hesitate to pop past and chat.

Kind regards

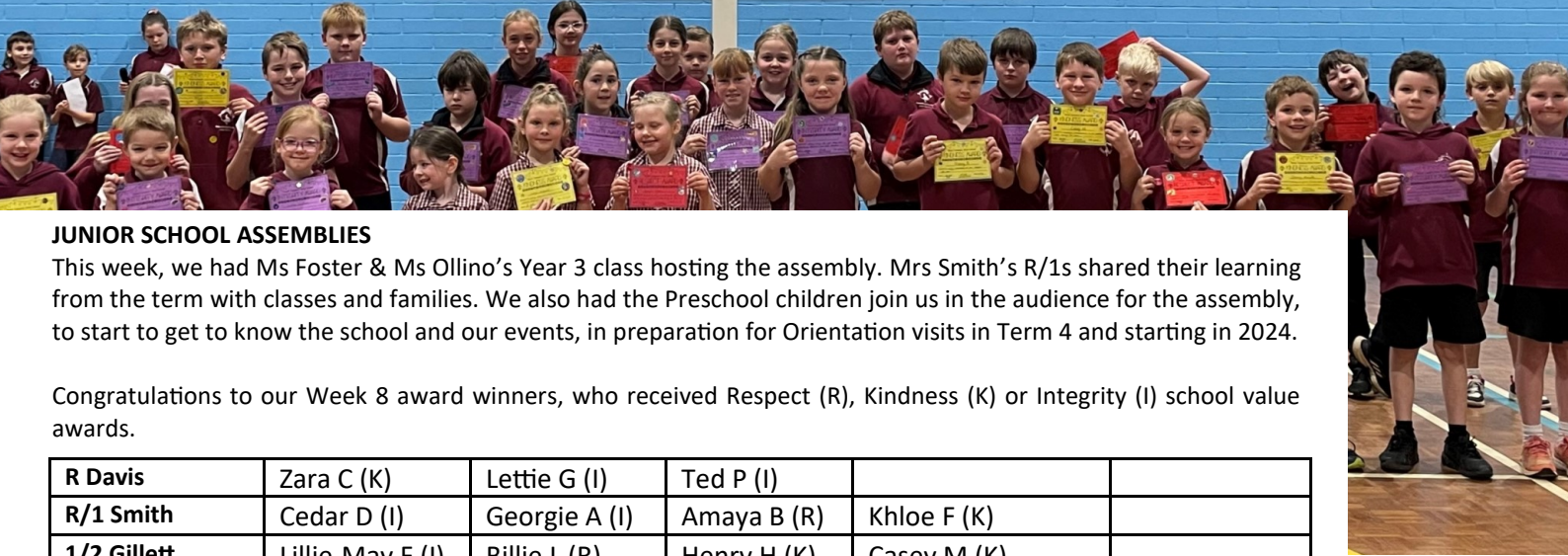
Lucie



Dressing up as your favourite book character is a great way to celebrate reading.



What's been happening?



JUNIOR SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

This week, we had Ms Foster & Ms Ollino's Year 3 class hosting the assembly. Mrs Smith's R/1s shared their learning from the term with classes and families. We also had the Preschool children join us in the audience for the assembly, to start to get to know the school and our events, in preparation for Orientation visits in Term 4 and starting in 2024.

Congratulations to our Week 8 award winners, who received Respect (R), Kindness (K) or Integrity (I) school value awards.

R Davis	Zara C (K)	Lettie G (I)	Ted P (I)		
R/1 Smith	Cedar D (I)	Georgie A (I)	Amaya B (R)	Khloe F (K)	
1/2 Gillett	Lillie-May F (I)	Billie L (R)	Henry H (K)	Casey M (K)	
2 Stewart	Darcy S (K)	Riley L (I)	Mia K (I)		
3 Clarke/Axarlis	Christian Q (R)	Bailey S (I)	Dawson C (I)	Zeilen T (K)	
3 Foster/Ollino	Gus M (I)	Ava K (I)	Stella D (R)	Tyler Q (I)	Amelia D (I)
4 Woodward	Cooper C (K)	Sophia H-B (I)	Chase M (R)		
4/5 Becker	Scarlett F (I)	Hamish E (I)	Torah P (I)	Callum K-L (R)	
5 De Zilwa	Nate C (I)	Delaney S (R)	Lenny G (I)		

Sunglasses are just as important to provide protection for young eyes from the sun.

BOOK WEEK

On Thursday 24th August our students enjoyed a day of Dressing Up as their favourite book character and parading around town, seeing our families along the way. It was a morning of great fun, colour, excitement and celebration! Students also undertook a range of Book Week activities and stories in their classrooms. We thank families for their support to assist their children to dress up and attendance at our parade.

SUNNIES FOR SCHOOLS

We are very excited to announce that on the 26th of October the 'Sunnies for Schools' program is coming to Mount Compass Area School!

The 'Sunnies for Schools' program is a \$20,000 initiative, that started in 2022 by See Optometry and Rotary Victor Harbor, to provide children in junior school with a free pair of sunglasses. All sunglasses distributed are Category 3 UV-protective sunglasses, so you can rest assured their eyes are being protected. All sunglasses frames and lenses are made from a strong polycarbonate material. The sunglasses come with a colourful protective hard case, a soft case and a microfibre cloth; everything your child needs to take care of them. Students will be able to choose their coloured sunnies. Lifetime servicing, cleaning and adjustments also come free as part of the program through See Optometry!

If you would like your child/ren to participate in this program and receive their free sunglasses then you must register them now. Please scan the QR code on the last page of the newsletter.





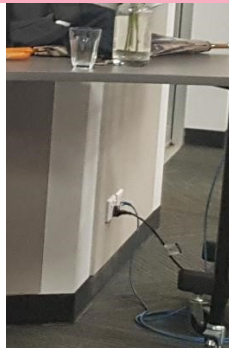
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MATHS QUIZ NIGHT

On August 9, four teams from MCAS competed at Victor Harbor High School (VHHS) in the annual Maths Quiz Night. There was a strong turnout from local schools, with over 80 students from MCAS, VHHS, Encounter Lutheran and Investigator College competing. With Maths and General Knowledge categories, one of our Junior Teams came away with a win in General Knowledge.

The students had a great night competing against other students and are keen to return next year.

Mrs Lindavies would like to thank all students involved for their participation and enthusiasm, and parents for supporting and transporting the students to the event.



ART LESSONS

Year 4 and 4/5 have been learning cardboard construction techniques in Art lessons this term and have put them to good use building future homes out of cardboard. Our aim is to create a cardboard community that looks like something we would like to live in in the future. We loved working together and being creative whilst thinking about how to be sustainable in the future.

CONGRATULATIONS

Isaac and Harvey were chosen to represent Southern Fleurieu in SAPSASA soccer. They had an amazing experience and enjoyed participating in the 3 days of soccer from the 16th to 18th of August.

INDIGENOUS HISTORY

On Tuesday the 5th of September our year 10 HASS students, along with both our year 6 HASS classes, took part in a presentation held by Mark Koolmatrjie. Mark is a Ramindjeri Elder of Ngarrindjeri Country and he grew up in Raukkan, South Australia.

Our Year 10 HASS students have been learning about Indigenous History this term and in particular historic movements and the freedoms and rights of Indigenous people in Australia.

Mark gave our students knowledge and insight in to movements such as the Freedom Rides; the Stolen Generation; Land Rights; Indigenous people serving in World War 1; the 1937 Assimilation Policy and a brief history of Raukkan and what it is today.

The knowledge shared from Mark was informative and valuable to the students, tying in with assessment tasks and allowing others to learn new information about this Country, past and present. Mark is passionate about passing on knowledge and has developed ways of sharing through his website and in partnership with local people and business. Mark runs a tourism business Kool Tours: from the Coorong (Kurangk), Port Elliot (Ratalang) and Yundi, as well as offering this presentation to schools.

More information can be found at: Kool Tours, <https://kooltours.com.au/>

Ngarrindjeri is an Aboriginal nation of 18 language groups who occupied, and still inhabit, the Lower Murray, Coorong and Lakes area of South Australia.





What's been happening?

ROYAL ADELAIDE SHOW

The effort and pride the students achieved at this year's Adelaide Royal Show has been incredible. Thank you to everyone who assisted the school to be at this annual event.

Chickens

The Chicken Club students are celebrating success in the following categories:

- First place in the heavy breed category
- Second place in the heavy breed category
- First place in the plate of six eggs category

Goats

The students handling the Royal Show Goats in the Grand Parade were fantastic. Thank you to Chrisna and Mrs McEntee for your assistance. The Royal Show Goats were successful in the following:

- Vincent van Goat placing 3rd in the Heavy Weight 44-44.5kg class. Led by Ella
- Ted placing 3rd in the Heavy Weight 60.5-61.5kg class. Led by Mia
- Oakley placing 1st in the Heavy Weight 62-70.5kg class. Led by Emilie
- The team also placed 6th out of 30 schools in the Best Presented area.

Pigs

A huge congratulations to Abbie and Kailey on coming second in the pig handling competition at the Royal Adelaide Show. Well done girls!

Cows

More incredible achievements by the student cow handlers.

Liam secured a fantastic 3rd place in his class for handlers, with Daffy. Tash and Daffy soared to a remarkable 2nd place in their class, while Kayla and Bambi proudly took out 4th place in their class. Lokke and her heifer, Boo, triumphed with a well-deserved 3rd place win.

Mount Compass Area school also took home the prestigious title of 'Best Presented School'.



Students learn about animal husbandry, nutrition and overall show training.





What's been happening?

Steers

Mount Compass Area School was highly successful throughout the Steer Program at the Royal Adelaide Show.

The Steer handlers are celebrating success in the following categories:

- 1st SAYBB Novice Handler - Mollie
- Champion SAYBB Novice Handler - Mollie
- 3rd SAYBB Intermediate Handler - Jazmine
- 1st SAYBB Experienced - Phoebe
- TFI Murray Grey Team of three RAC Squirt
- RAC Reggie Schools Purebred Export 544 to 590kgs
- Wildbear Sampson in Schools Purebred Light Domestic 390 to 450kgs
- 5th RAC Squirt in Purebred Steer Heavy Domestic 502 to 540kgs on hoof
- Jazmine in Urrbrae Handlers Competition
- Kelsey, Mollie and Jazmine were selected to compete in the Top 20 Handlers for the Urrbrae Handlers

Congratulations to all the students and staff involved for such wonderful results!

MAYORS SHORT STORY CHALLENGE

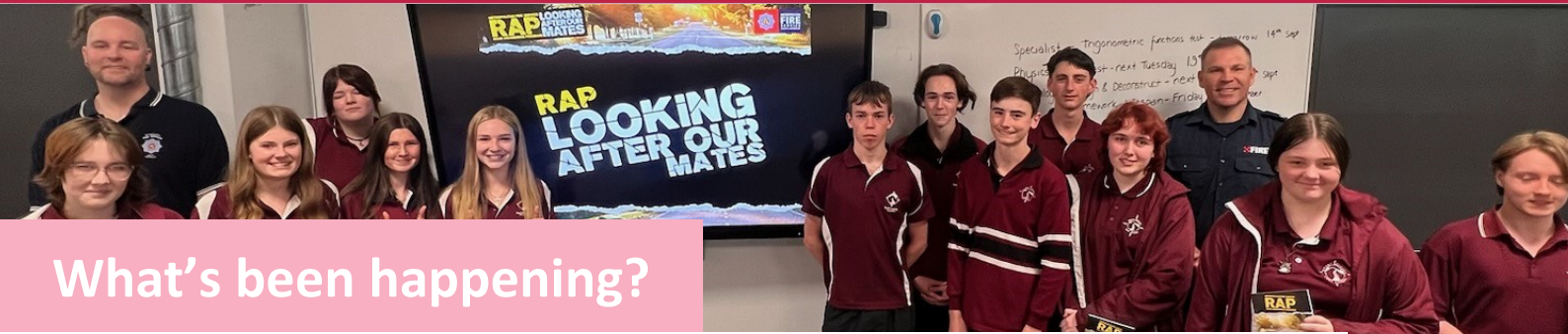
On Thursday 7th September four students from Mount Compass Area School were invited to attend the Mayors Short Story Challenge Presentation Evening, at Victor Harbour Public Library. Ember Townley (Year 7), Torah Paech (Year 4), Keely Hart (Year 2) and Ella Andrews (Year 1) were all shortlisted for the Alexandrina Council awards. This meant that their stories were voted to be in the top 4 in all of the Alexandrina Council school entries for their age groups. On top of the shortlist achievements, Ella Andrews from Miss Gillett's class also took out the year group award and won a voucher for her entry. A big congratulations to all short listed students.

SWAMP AMBASSADORS

Students who volunteered to participate in Swamp Ambassadors this Semester have been studying and learning about the importance and significance of the Mount Compass Boardwalk and Swamp. Each week students have been working in the swamp on different aspects and have been learning about the Wildlife, Flora and Fauna and Water Quality. Last week, students participated in a swamp 'Clean Up' and collected loads of different pollutants as well as explored aspects they had never noticed. We hope to continue this program into future years as we upgrade our resources, equipment and further use this area as a learning opportunity.

Creative writing develops self confidence and identity.





What's been happening?

MFS ROAD AWARENESS PROGRAM (RAP)

The MFS Road Awareness Program (RAP) was held in Week 8 for Year 10 and 11 students. The program gives an open and honest insight into the experience of firefighters working in road crash rescue and provides a hard-hitting, realistic insight into road trauma.

Statistics show that road crashes are one of the major causes of death and serious injury for those aged between 16-24 in South Australia. Whilst there is a significant downward trend in the fatalities for this age group, the statistics for fatalities in other age groups remain static.

The program was delivered by Doug, a specially trained firefighter who has attended road traffic accidents. A central element of the program was a talk delivered by a road crash survivor. Our students had the privilege of listening to Eli, now living with permanent disability due to his road accident. Some students found this element of the presentation confronting and emotional; we hope that students will draw inspiration from Eli's resilience and strength.

We believe that after students have attended the RAP, they will be better equipped with a broader understanding of how their choices impact others, and how they can support each other to make better decisions.

"I believe that the Road Awareness Program very good at persuading people to rethink about the way they drive and the habits they have whilst driving." Cameron, Year 10

"The RAP was an eye-opening program that helped enforce the need to ensure you take care of your mates, it was heart breaking to see the impact dangerous driving have on others and was very insightful to hear Eli's story." Ami, Year 11.

"I personally thought that it was very beneficial, and it made me more aware on the road. It was very interactive which allowed me to be engaged." Sophia, Year 10

SMASH CRICKET

On 2nd September we had a visit from 'SMASH', the Adelaide Strikers Cricket Mascot, along with Joel from Mount Compass Cricket Club and Seb from the Strikers.

They spent a short time visiting some Junior School classes, undertaking some ball skills and promoting the upcoming Cricket Blast program to be held at Mount Compass Cricket Club starting 22nd October.

Visit play.cricket.com.au

A promotional poster for 'Cricket Blast'. The top half shows a cricket field with a bowler in a blue shirt and a batsman in a green shirt. The text 'SIGN UP NOW' is written in large, bold, white letters. To the right, there is a logo for 'WOODWARDS CRICKET BLAST'. Below the image, the text reads: 'Cricket Blast is an energetic and fun program for kids up to the age of 10 to develop new skills, expand existing skills and play cricket in a team environment.' At the bottom, it says 'Mount Compass Cricket Club Starting- 22 October Sunday's 10am-11am Burgess Oval VISIT PLAY.CRICKET.COM.AU'. There is also a logo for 'ADELAIDE Strikers' and 'MT COMPASS CRICKET CLUB'.



**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)*



Mount Compass
Area School

We invite all students Reception to Year 5 to attend our annual Market Day Event.

We kindly ask you to please support our students learning through providing a small amount of funds for your child to participate.

Profits raised will be used to support school improvements.



Mount Compass Area School

Hosted by Mrs. Becker's Year 4/5s & Ms. DeZilwa's Year 5s

MARKET DAY

Friday 22nd September

11:30am – 1:00pm

Food, Games, Fidgets and Fun

Priced between 50 cents to \$3.00

Things you might like to KNOW

MCAS Bushfire Plan 2023/2024: 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 School Stream will alert families of any such closure. Information will also be provided on the DfE 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, MIDDLE SCHOOL and STEM 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-5 students stay in Junior Primary building.
- Years 6-9 will go to the Middle School building.
- Year 10-12 will go to the STEM building.
- 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/MS/STEM. 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.

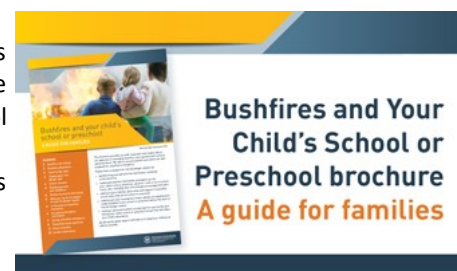
Student excursions away from site may be cancelled for the day and rescheduled by the teacher.

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.



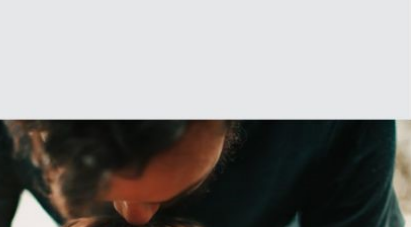
Department for Education
**Emergency
Information
Hotline**

1800 000 279

Circle of Security

Do you want to have more understanding about your child's behaviour? Come along to this FREE 8-week course and learn how to:

Help your child organise their feelings, enjoy a more fulfilling relationship with your child, help your child to feel secure both now and into the future



Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Date: Thursday: October 19th, 26th
November 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
December 7th

Venue: Mt Compass Area School- School Rd, Mount Compass

Bookings Essential - 08 85510500 or
fleurieufamilies@victor.sa.gov.au



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

OLIVE OIL - TARGET WORKS

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.



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