

Welcome to the 2017 School Year!

Welcome to a new year of exciting learning for us all.

We have 138 students in the school with 16 new reception students and 6 new enrolments throughout the other year levels. We all welcome the new students and their families to our school community. We all hope you enjoy the experience and take the wonderful opportunity you have to become a positive member of our school community.

A Great start!

Finishing the 2016 school year in a strong financial position has allowed for us to continue to run with 7 classes this year. This means smaller class sizes and ultimately far greater learning opportunities for all students. As I go around to each class every day, I am impressed with how settled classes have started and am excited by the planning that each staff member has begun for our students. Already camps and excursions are being organised, SRC reps are being chosen, and special programmes are up and running. The learning environment is one we should all be proud of.

Communication Books

It is great to see the Communication Books being used in each class. One of the reasons for these books is the reinforcement of reading and numeracy practice. We have a huge priority in ensuring each child reads and practices their numeracy skills at least 3 nights per week, earning points for their house teams with the "Legends Cup". Our behaviour charts are also a great way for all of us to know how each person is going with their learning. It is always wonderful to see the students coming into the office each day to get their stickers for being on "excellent". I am already blown away by the number of stickers and respect raffle tickets I have given away, only after 2 days!

Staffing 2017

Rebecca Schenke	Reception teacher	0.6
Sally Kluske	Reception teacher/Year 2/3 /Librarian	0.9
Meagan Trembath	R/1 teacher	1.0
Naomi Paech	Year 2/3 teacher	0.9
Marlene Harvie	3/4 teacher	0.6
Josie Saddler	4/5 teacher/German	1.0
Susan Reeves	5/6 teacher	1.0
Dani Schubert	Year 6/7	0.9
Daniel Bartlett	Health/PE/Year 4/5 class/Year 3/4 class	1.0
Natalie Baker	Performing Arts	0.4
Marie Flavel	School counsellor/special ed	0.8
Jeanette Kozikowski –	Office Administration & Finance Officer	
Angie Tomkinson –	SSO Library/JP intervention	
Tania Scott	SSO – Classroom/IT	
Carol Bockman	SSO - Classroom/Front Office	
Tanya Boulter	SSO – Classroom/intervention	
Trish Bloomfield	SSO – Classroom/intervention	
Kimberley Zadow	SSO – Classroom/intervention	
Gayle Juergens	SSO – Classroom/Intervention	
Ian Millard	Grounds	

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Diary Dates

Governing Council AGM
Wednesday 15th Feb
5.30pm

STUDENT FREE DAY
Monday 6th March

Public Holiday
Adelaide Cup
Monday 13th March

SPORTS DAY
Wednesday 22nd March

Term 1 ends
Thursday 13th April
*School dismisses
at 2.10pm*

Easter
Good Friday April 14th
Easter Monday
17th April

Our **School Service Officers (SSOs)** have started their partnerships with teachers in every class and with special programmes. These SSOs are an integral part to our learning team and provide great learning opportunities for our students. The extra support we provide in using our SSOs is from within our school budgeting and is above the funding we are designated by departmental sources. We believe this partnership of teacher and SSO working together provides a significant advantage to every child's learning and enhances our teaching and learning programmes.

Pool Open

Thanks to a number of parents and community members our pool has been open for public use over the school holidays and after school hours. The pool is in immaculate condition and, from reports from the pool supervisors; the pool is being used by many people. The excellent maintenance of the pool has ensured a wonderful time has been had by all.

Bell Times

Please note that school starts at 8.50 am and finishes at 3.10 pm

Students are able to be at school at 8.30 am – a staff member is on duty from that time on.

Governing Council AGM

After several years of wonderful service to the school, some of our Governing Council members are moving on because their children have reached high school age. We are now looking for new parents and friends to join the council. It's not a lot of time; just 2 meetings each term. Please give this your consideration. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Wednesday the 15th of February at 5:30pm, and you can either nominate for a position on Governing Council at the meeting or lodge an expression of interest at the front office.

I look forward to working with you all in a positive way in 2017!

Travis

TERM DATES 2017

Term 1	30th January – 13th April
Term 2	1st May – 7th July
Term 3	24th July – 29th September
Term 4	16th Oct – 15th December

BREAKFAST CLUB

Wednesdays

Breakfast Club, supported by Tailem Bend Rotary Club every Wednesday will commence next Wednesday 8th February

Permission forms will be sent home this week.

TAILEM BEND NETBALL CLUB **REGISTRATIONS**

Tailem Bend Netball Club registration evening will be held tomorrow,

Wednesday February 1st

on the lawned area of Willow Street Precinct,
next to the Town Hall.

Juniors 5.30pm and Seniors 6.30pm.

If you are unable to attend please notify Denise Edwards on 0421 845 976.

Governing Council Fund Raising

Christmas Pageant Raffle Winners

1st : A32 Kellie Jaensch

2nd : P71 Michelle Dohnt

3rd : A57 Taylah Miles

4th : P46 Roz Kowald

5th : P34 S Walding

VOLUNTEERS

Reminder

DECD regulations require all volunteers to be inducted every year.

Times for volunteer induction sessions will be advertised soon.

Recycling venture

Mr Robbo took in another load of recyclables for us during the holidays and we have got off to a good start in 2017 with another \$200 being presented to our SRC.

Thanks again **Mr Robbo** for volunteering your time to our venture. We also appreciate Mr Robbo transporting the recyclables at no cost to our school.

Holiday care

We have returned to well-kept grounds and animals following the holiday break. Thanks to Mrs Tomkinson, Mrs Kozikowski, Mr Millard and Mr Robbo for keeping a careful eye on everything.

Marie Flavel

How to encourage kids to be problem-solvers

By Michael Grose

When parents solve all children's problems we not only increase their dependency on adults but we teach kids to be afraid of making mistakes and to blame themselves for not being good enough. That's fertile ground for anxiety.

So, how can we raise kids to be courageous problem-solvers rather than self-critical scaredy cats? Here are three practical ideas to get you started.

1. Turn requests into problems for kids to solve

Kids get used to bringing their problems to parents to solve. If you solving them, they'll keep bringing them. *'Mum, my sister is annoying me!'* *'Dad, can you ask my teacher to pick me for the team?'* *'Hey, I can't find my socks!'* It's tempting if you are in a time-poor family to simply jump in and help kids out. Alternatively, you can take a problem-solving approach, cuing them to resolve their own problems and take responsibility for their concerns. *'What can you do to make her stop annoying you?'* *'What's the best approach to take with your teacher?'* *'Socks, smocks! Where might they be?'*

2. Ask good questions to prompt problem-solving

A problem-solving approach relies on asking good questions, which can be challenging if you are used to solving your child's problems. The first question when a child brings you a problem should be: *'Can you handle this on your own?'* Next should be, *'What do you want me to do to help you solve the problem?'* These questions are not meant to deter children from coming to you; rather, to encourage and teach them to start working through their own concerns themselves.

3. Coach them through problems and concerns

So, your child feels she was unfairly left out of a school sports team by a teacher and asks you get involved. The easiest solution may be to meet with the teacher and find out what's going on. You may or not resolve the problem but in doing so you are teaching a child to become dependent on you. Alternatively, you could coach your child to speak to the teacher herself and find out why she was left out. Obviously, there are times when children need their parents to be advocates for them such as when they are being bullied, but we need to make the most of the opportunities for children to speak for themselves. Better to help your child find the right words to use and discuss the best way to

approach another person when they have problems. These are great skills to take into adulthood.

LIBRARY READING CORNER



NEW!

Books for February 2017

Children's Picture Books

Goodnight Beautiful Moon
Little Wings
Ten Little Teddy Bears
TRUCKS (board Book)
Feel the Power

Children's Easy Fiction

Moonlight Magic

Children's Fiction

Star of Deltora : The Hungry Isle
Dinosaur Boy
Superman the Man of Tomorrow
Star Wars Jedi Academy: A New Class
The Tiger Rising
The 39 Clues
Born to Sing
The Big Jump
Dirty Bertie
Chook Doolan saves the day
Echo's Lucky Charm
Yong the journey of an unworthy Son
Just My Rotten Luck
Batman Gotham City's Guardian
The Selwood Boys Battle Royale
Dog Stories
Zombie Inspiration
Dog Zombies Rule

Children's Non Fiction

Leopard Rescue A True Story
For The Right to Learn
Meet the Flying Doctors

MAKE IT A FRESH SNACK - IDEAS FOR YOUNG KIDS

Kids don't need expensive, packaged foods. Try these simple ideas to tempt kids with fresh snacks.

Young kids love to eat...

- > **Yoghurt dippers** – Spoon out reduced-fat yoghurt into a small cup and serve with cut-up fruit for dipping.
- > **Fruit kebabs** - Thread pieces of fruit such as melons onto a straw or pop stick, or get young children to thread their own fruit kebab!
- > **Veggie faces** - Use bite-sized salad vegies to make a veggie face on a plate with cherry tomatoes for eyes, sliced mushrooms for ears, cucumber for a mouth, grated carrot or sprouts for hair.



For more fresh snack ideas visit opal.sa.gov.au

Murray Bridge United Soccer Club

Come 'n Try
Registration / Information night

Friday the 10th February
from 4.00pm to 6.00pm,
at our clubrooms, Beatty Terrace, Murray Bridge.
All welcome,
Past, new players, boys and girls,
Juniors and Seniors.

(We have had some three year olds involved in our "Rooball" sessions in previous years).



Murray Bridge Basketball Association

BRIDGE HOOPS

Term 1 Bridge Hoops will run on

WEDNESDAYS

FROM: March 1st – April 5th 2017

TIME: 5:00pm – 6:00pm

COST: \$35 for 6 weeks

Boys and Girls Aged 5-8 Years

Emphasis will be on development of individual and team skills for all participants.

Registration forms are available on our website or at the Stadium.

Telephone: 8531 0755

Email: admin@mbba.com.au

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Murray Bridge

Our Youth Reference Group needs new members for 2017!

The Youth Reference Group is made up of young people aged between 16-25 who are passionate about their community, youth mental health and wellbeing.



Being part of the group is a great opportunity to develop leadership skills as well as gaining loads of experience in many areas!

To apply or for more information please contact **Hannah** on 8531 2122 or hannahm@mmgpn.org.au