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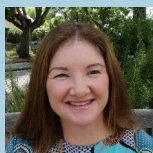


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KEY DATES Pupil Free Days

Term 4
Week 7 Friday 30th November

School Concert
Week 9 Monday, 10th
December beginning
at 5:30pm

Last Day of Term
Week 9 Assembly at 1:30pm,
Dismissal at 2:10pm

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For your Information

Year 7 to High School

Recently, the government has confirmed that year 7 public school students will be taught in high school from Term 1, 2022.

The move will align South Australia's public schools with the national curriculum taught in high schools making it easier to deliver subjects and improve outcomes for students.

Access to dedicated facilities and resources and exposure to different teaching styles will also give each year 7 student opportunities for deeper learning, greater peer interactions, and greater independence and responsibility.

For more information visit www.education.sa.gov.au/7tohs

Change of date for end of year Concert

It was with much deliberation with the pending industrial action scheduled for the morning of our concert date that evoked the decision to move the concert to the last Monday of term. I am grateful to Peter McPheat, IM Instructors, Pedal Prix, Sally in the Canteen, Fundraising Committee and our AV company for being so obliging in accommodating the change in date. Teachers and students are also pleased to have some extra time to prepare for their performance. We are all looking forward to the event.

Facilities Update

Yard B Playground

Before:



After:



There has been a delay of the opening of the new Yard B playground as we are still waiting for the new soft fall to be delivered! Hopefully this won't be too far away as I am certain that all the students want to give it a test run.

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Facilities Update (cont'd) **Climbing Frame at the oval**



The climbing frame is completed and ready for action!

Yard A Playground

We are currently sourcing quotes to replace the Yard A playground in the first part of 2019. This will definitely be welcomed by our youngest students.

Nature Play

This will be a priority for 2019 at both of our sites. We are looking to develop a natural play area across the Yard C area adjacent to Carlisle Road. Down at the oval we will be focussing on loose play items to enable students to create, make and discover together. As with all our new play areas the Student Executive will work with classes to gather their opinions and suggestions as to what they want.

Graffiti

Sadly, we have been hit a number of times lately with considerable graffiti both here on our main site but particularly down at the oval. It is so disappointing as one of the tags has been used internally on both sites leading us to wonder whether it is one of our own students that is responsible. Photos are taken and provided to the police each time when the crime report is made. The expense of removal eats into our already minimal breakdown maintenance budget. It would be appreciated if parents/caregivers could add to the discussions had here about vandalism.

Semester 2 Reports and 2019 Class Placement Notification

The Semester 2 Report and 2019 Class Placement notification will be sent home on Friday 7th December.

2019 Dates to Remember

School Closure: Monday 11th November 2019 Local significance – Remembrance Day

Pupil Free Days

Term 1 Week 7 Tuesday 12th March, focus – Seven Steps

Term 2 Week 7 Tuesday 11th June, focus Term 2 - Partnership moderation

Term 3 Week 7 Monday 2nd September, focus Term 3 – Science Moderation and HoM

Term 4 Week 7 Friday 29th November, focus – 2019 review and future planning for 2020

We are anticipating the Sports Day will be held later in Term 1.

HOMESTAY 2019

Bring the World Home: Be a host family to a Korean student.

We have the opportunity to be involved in the Korean Home Stay programme in 2019. If you would be interested in participating by hosting a Korean student for 3-weeks in Term 3 next year, please email me – Julie.Gallagher185@schools.sa.edu.au



2018 NAPLAN

This year all of our Year 3/5/7 students completed NAPLAN online apart from the writing component for Year 3s as this was still paper based. Our students managed the new format extremely well and are to be congratulated.

Our results are favourable across all three year levels.

Students who have demonstrated achievement in NAPLAN proficiency bands at or above the SEA –

Year Level	Reading	Numeracy
Year 3	96%	90%
Year 5	90%	93%
Year 7	82%	96%

NAPLAN Progression –

Reading	Year 3 - 5	Year 5 - 7	State (average)
Upper Progress Group	45%	27%	25%
Middle Progress Group	41%	49%	50%
Lower Progress Group	14%	24%	25%
Numeracy	Year 3 - 5	Year 5 - 7	State (average)
Upper Progress Group	45%	31%	25%
Middle Progress Group	40%	58%	50%
Lower Progress Group	15%	11%	25%

Teachers analyse the NAPLAN data to inform their teaching and learning programmes for their students. The information is considered along with all other data sets to determine students needing intervention and extension in 2019.

Julie Gallaher - Principal



URRBRAE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT BOARDING 2019/20

Urrbrae is seeking family boarding options and locations for country students. In most situations, 5 day board with a suitable study environment is required.

For further information
Phone: (08) 8372 6955

Email: dl.0798.admin@schools.sa.edu.au
Website: www.urrbraehs.sa.edu.au



Materials & Services Fees 2018 Have you paid?

Thank you to those who have paid the Materials & Services Fees for your child's schooling.

Overdue invoices have been sent out, and prompt payment of those would be appreciated.

Any unpaid fees will be lodged with the Governing Council, asking permission to have them referred to debt collection.

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Christmas Performance

A Christmas performance will be presented by the Central Mitcham Inter-Church Council on Tuesday the 4th of December.

The presentation will involve a range of activities and interaction between students and the presenters. The duration of the seminar will be approximately 40 minutes.

This performance is not designed to promote religion, nor is the purpose to indoctrinate students in any direction. Rather, it is designed to educate students about the Christmas story and its role in the Christian faith.

If you would prefer your child be exempt from this presentation, please let us know via email to dl.0475_info@schools.sa.edu.au by Monday the 26th of November.

Students not attending the seminar will undertake other work under the supervision of a teacher.

Bethany Thompson
Pastoral Care Worker



Student Achievements

Recently I travelled to Sydney to participate in the School Sport Australia Soccer Championships. My team played every other state in Australia and I have to say, it was a great experience. I scored two goals out of the teams five and I was very proud of the effort my team put into this tournament. Soon, I will be travelling back to Sydney to represent SA in the National Futsal Championships, I cannot wait!

I would also like to give a million thanks to the school for sponsoring me.

Stella D



From Fresh Bites



How quickly the year is drawing to a close. Thank you all for your support this year and to the wonderful volunteers who help me in the canteen.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the year and creating the menus for the kids. The canteen produces most food items on offer from scratch using fresh, quality produce and lots of hard work from the volunteers.

As always at the end of the year we lose volunteers who are moving from the school. It has been an absolute pleasure working with you all and I can't thank you enough for all your help and wish you all the best into the future. We will miss you at the school.

VOLUNTEERING

The canteen cannot run without the help of volunteers each day and I would therefore love to meet some newer families to fill the gaps of those leaving.

The commitment can be 1,2,3,4 times a term, whatever capacity suits you. Each shift is approximately 3 hours long. The committee also welcomes help on special food days etc. You will help with cooking the specials for the day and making any other lunches ordered, serving at recess, fight with the pile of never ending dishes and packing lunches for collection. There is certainly never a dull moment. You will be rewarded with coffee, snacks and lunch.

If you are interested please come and see me in the canteen between 8.30am – 2.30pm Tuesday to Friday or email me wpps.canteen286@schools.sa.edu.au to discuss further.

ORDERING LUNCHES

The Qkr! app has proved to be a great success for the canteen and is now being used by the majority of families who order lunches. As of next year all orders must be placed this way.

To download the Qkr! app go to the App Store on your mobile device.

We will no longer be accepting cash lunch orders in 2019.

The technology stream lines the process in the canteen and allows us to ensure the best service to you and more time to produce yummy food.

Currently the cut-off for orders is 8:45am but we will extend it next year to 9:00am to help with the morning rush.

For those of you who don't already use the app, please download it and familiarise yourself. It is really easy to use and your support with this is much appreciated.

This will not affect over the counter sales at recess and lunch.

Warm regards

Sally Stefanopoulos
Canteen Manager



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Sports Day 2018

The 2018 WPPS Sports Day was filled with excitement. Waking up to thunder and storm clouds in the morning, we thought it was going to be a day where we needed our HOM of 'Thinking Flexibly'. However, it turned out to be a beautiful day. It was our first day time sports carnival in some time.

A fantastic turn out from our families within the school community helped to create a positive and energetic environment. We would once again like to thank all of the parents and families from the Pedal Prix who supported with the catering and set up. These volunteers and all others have shown great commitment in helping to create a successful community event. Also thanks to the staff for navigating their groups smoothly through the day.

We saw many Habits Of Mind in action during the day. 'Striving for accuracy' in target events, 'Responding with wonderment and awe' during the JP parachute, and 'Persisting' while trying to complete the long distance runs. Not to mention the FRESH Values, which were strongly evident when we saw students from different age groups supporting one another in the final stretch of the long distance run. Each team showed amazing spirit while powerfully blasting out their chants. Our



House Captains displayed great leadership throughout the day, offering encouragement to their members.

This year we saw the Rosso Dragons take out the Nell Kenny Spirit Shield. This is nominated to the team who scores the most Attitude Points during the day.

For the Achievement Shield, we had the Azzurro Roos as the 2018 winners. All of the teams worked hard throughout the day, competing against one another and problem solving together. We hope that all who attended enjoyed themselves and look forward to our next big sports event in 2019!



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Salvation Army Donations



Dear Families,

M11 are collecting tins and long-life packaged food on behalf of our whole school community to donate to the Salvation Army.



We are asking each child in our school, to donate at least 1 tin or packaged food item.

If every child in our school does this, we will collect well over 500 food items, which the Salvation Army will then be able to distribute, to people in need.

All food can be placed under the Christmas Tree in the Library.

We thank you in anticipation for your generosity.

Kindest Regards,

Athina and the Year 1 students in M11.

Remembrance Memorial Service 2018

The Brownie Bunch participated and presented a moving service for Remembrance Day with understanding and empathy. Many thanks goes to the guest speaker WO2 Scott Cawsey for his inspiring speech and musician Michael Dawson for his beautiful bugle playing of the Last Post and the Reveille. Our guest were Ms Carolyn Power, state Member of Parliament for Elder and The Federal Member for Boothby, Ms Nicole Flint who shared a message from the Prime Minister, Hon Scott Morrison for Remembrance Day.

The school raised through selling poppies \$276.50 for the Return Services League (RSL), thank you to all of those who donated.

**Josie Brown
M4**



M4, The Brownie Bunch, Ms Power (member for Elder), Ms Flint (member for Boothby) Michael Dawson (bugler) and WO2 Scott Cawsey.

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Positive Parent/School Relations

To go up to the school, or not? That is the question.

By Michael Hawton, Child Psychologist (MAPS) and Parentshop founder.

If you've had a child at school for more than a few years, chances are that there have been times when you have considered whether to go up to the school about an issue that is affecting your child. Working out what requires your intervention can be tricky. Sometimes your child's passionate pleas for you to do something can be persuasive. It might be that your child has been moved from one class to another or that your son has been denied permission to go on a much-anticipated excursion or there has been an incident on the playground.

Parents can sometimes feel like they are not parenting properly unless they go to the school to address the problem.

In recent years, Australian schools have been dealing with an increasing number of parents coming to the school. I say this as a result of speaking with hundreds of school leaders across Australia and internationally.

So, what is causing this?

1. Many parents are less trusting of institutions in charge of the care of their children, including schools. They are therefore less willing to give school staff the benefit of the doubt when it comes to making decisions that involve their children.
2. There are an increasing number of parents who have become more anxious about their children and tend to intervene in smaller and smaller issues.
3. Many of these parents have lost the ability to see that frequent interventions ultimately undermine a child's sense of competency and confidence.

So, how do you decide if an issue warrants your intervention?

First, if your child is in physical or psychological danger then you should intervene.

However, if the issue is not of this magnitude, ask yourself this; what would happen if I didn't go to the school about this issue?

An important part of being a parent is helping children learn to deal with disappointments and difficulties. We can help our children learn to cope emotionally with uncomfortable feelings by being there and listening to them. We can acknowledge that sometimes life is challenging or unfair but that we can learn to cope with this. Helping our children recognise emotions and deal with them, without being crushed by them, teaches our children emotional resilience.

We can help our children feel more competent by helping them think of some alternative ways to deal with a problem, which empowers them by giving a sense of agency and control.

With this in mind, some issues are worth recognising before you come to the school in search of a remedy on your child's behalf.

Firstly, the school must make 'system' decisions. While all schools try to follow principles of fairness and equity, it is not always possible to decide matters fairly. There will always be cases where some children will not get the teacher they wanted or be seated close to their friends.

Secondly, all school staff aspire towards providing an environment where the best interests of the child are held paramount. While teachers may not have the same attachment to a child that a parent does, the majority of school staff care personally for the children in the school.

Thirdly, each time a parent jumps in where a problem could be resolved by their child, they may be robbing them of an opportunity to develop resilience skills.

Making a decision about whether or not to go up to the school is about assessing the problem and seeing if it can be an opportunity to help your child to learn to manage their emotions, increase resilience and become an independent problem solver.

Who said parenting is easy?

Michael Hawton is founder of Parentshop, providing education and resources for parents and industry professionals working with children. He has authored two books on child behaviour management: *Talk Less Listen More* and *Engaging Adolescents*. You can find more information, including his books and self-paced online parenting courses at <https://www.parentshop.com.au/parent-courses/>

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Fundraising Committee Update

Wow, what a year we have had raising funds for WPPS!

Our thanks go to the generosity of our families and the community who have supported our annual events including the: -

- Disco
- Wine and cheese night for parents
- Friday Fun afternoon
- Quiz night
- Fun Run
- Christmas raffle
- Wine drives
- Sports Day earrings

This money has benefitted so many students and areas of the school.



This is where your generosity has gone: -

- Large and small soccer goals in Yard B
- Beautiful tables in LC1, LC2 LC3 and LC4
- New stools and tables in the Marlborough wet area
- New furniture is being ordered for the flexible learning space in Upper Carlisle
- We have spent \$5000 on new reading books for the lower grades
- A new marquee for Pedal Prix.
- David Baker's garden now has automatic sprinklers to keep the garden alive in the summer holidays
- We are going to install a new sprinkler system in the memorial rose garden
- The canteen will be purchasing a Thermomix to assist Sally with preparation
- 3 new outdoor tables have been purchased for outside Marlborough
- Tubs have been ordered to contain the nature play equipment
- \$10,000 will go towards the new JP playground which we hope will be installed in the school holidays and
- \$1000 will go annually towards the cost of preparing /running Graduation for our yr. 7 students



I would like to acknowledge the tireless enthusiasm and work of our small Fundraising committee, led by Dani Braddy.

The committee never seems to run out of energy and coming up with new ideas. This year we will have raised close to \$50,000 and we welcome any new ideas /proposals where money can be spent to benefit our students in 2019. Thank you so much for all your support.

Sue Morrison - Assistant Principal





Divide & Conquer

Wise words ...

"The study of mathematics, like the Nile, begins in minuteness

Final Edit, 2019

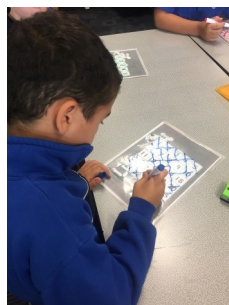
We would like to begin our final piece for 2019 with a huge THANK YOU! Thank you for letting us into your homes to explore mathematics and encouraging your children to participate in the *Puzzling Puzzler*.

Our aim for *Divide & Conquer* was to shine a light onto the importance and value of mathematics for our children. Mathematics is at the centre of everything we do; from waking up in the morning and checking the clock to following a recipe at dinner time. Every child has the capacity to learn mathematics and to enjoy and value it. A positive mathematical mindset is the key to learning with enjoyment and longevity.

We hope to be back in 2019 with the opportunity to bring you new and exciting maths to share with your family.

Sarah and Olivia

Numeracy Coaches



Maths exploration in LC1 and LC2

Puzzling Puzzler #7

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WHAT IS LITTLE ATHLETICS?

Little Athletics is a modified program for children of all abilities aged 3 - 17 years. It is based on a wide range of track and field events including: running, jumping, throwing and walking. The Track and Field season starts in September and runs through to March, with some Centres offering training and meets all year around. The Cross Country season begins in May and continues through to July.

WHERE IS MY CLOSEST CENTRE?

There are currently over 50 Centres in operation around Metropolitan and Regional South Australia.

To find your closest Centre, simply visit the Little Athletics SA website (www.littleathleticssa.com.au) and click Find a Centre!

HOW CAN I REGISTER?

Simply visit the Little Athletics SA website (www.littleathleticssa.com.au), click Register Now and create a new Family Profile on the Members Portal.

You can also register for 2 Come & Try sessions at any Centre!

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