PARENT NETWORK

Last Thursday we had a meeting with Graham Alder to look at the role of Parent Network. The decision was made to further develop the role, to fit in with our school’s commitment to ‘Kids Matter’. Parent Network will still have a role in Fundraising with three of our members joining the newly formed “Fundraising Committee”.

Parent Network will continue the Milo Mornings in Terms 2 and 3, providing we have enough volunteers to help us. If we get at least six volunteers it would mean a commitment of only one Thursday a term, between 10:30am and 11:30am. If you are able to volunteer, please indicate on the attached form.

Parent Network is keen to start Monday Coffee/Chat Mornings from next term. These would run from 9:10am to 10:00 am every fortnight free of charge. It will also provide an opportunity to chat with other parents/caregivers. Toddlers/babies welcome. We envision having people in to speak on topics of interest eg: stopping sibling fighting, bed times, supporting kids with homework, ADHD, tantrums, cheap & easy meals, Internet safety, etc.

We could also have cooking demonstrations, make play dough and other school resources. Other possibilities considered are; a talking club, making board games to play with your family and a welcoming committee for new parents.

We are really keen to get new ideas and new members. At this stage the Parent Network comprises: Ronda Scarlett, Kathryn Waters, Lisa Dawe, Joyce Curtis and Julie Frahm.

The Fundraising Committee comprises: Ronda Scarlett, Sandra Curtis, Kathryn Waters, Graham Alder, Jude Modra and Anne Green.

If you are interested in joining the parent network or Fundraising Committee, or helping out with Milo Mornings or just coming along to some Coffee/Chat Mornings, please indicate below.

PARENT NETWORK 2015

NAME: ________________________________________________________________________ Contact No: ____________________________

If you are interested in joining the Parent Network.  

I would like to join the Parent Network. [ ]

I would like to join the Fundraising Committee. [ ]

I would like to volunteer to run Milo Mornings (once/twice a term) [ ]

I would be likely to attend “Coffee/Chat Mornings” [ ]

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PUNCTUALITY!!!!

One of the greatest things that parents can instil in their children is the importance of punctuality. If they don’t learn its importance as a child, they often never place much importance on it as an adult. This will severely limit their chances of getting a job or keeping one.

As a school we are bitterly disappointed by the number of children who are consistently late to school. Once or twice a year due to unforeseen circumstances is acceptable, but to have students regularly arrive with their parents between 9am and 9:30am is not good enough!!!

These students are missing out on vital reading, writing and numeracy lessons, which results in gaps in knowledge and understanding that causes them to miss basic concepts. They also feel less secure at school and are unable to maintain friendships, resulting in isolation, bullying and exclusion. There is clear evidence that links poor attendance and punctuality with:

- Low earnings as an adult
- Teenage pregnancies. Girls who are frequently absent from school are over represented
- Appearing before the Juvenile Justice System. Students frequently absent from school are over represented
- Students frequently absent from school are more likely to end up homeless

Half an hour late a day equates to over a year and a term of school missed by Year 12.

1 day a week absent adds up to two and a quarter years of school missed by Year 12.

If you are experiencing difficulties in getting your child to school regularly, please make an appointment to discuss the situation with either me or our Counsellor, Michelle Currie.

You owe it to your child to stop this happening! If you don’t, you are neglecting your child’s educational needs.

3 WAY LEARNING DISCUSSIONS

On a similar note, it was disappointing that a large number of parents did not turn up for pre-arranged interviews with their child’s class teacher (3 per class on average). These interviews required a lot of preparation time from the teachers and the students had also been preparing for some time. These interviews are important because it gives the student an opportunity to discuss their learning with their parents and their teacher, celebrate what is going well and devise a plan to promote further improvement. While some parents did ring to say they were not coming and re-scheduled, most did not. We hope that these people intend to re-book an interview, either this week or early next term.

STAFF

Renee Chandler, our Australian Curriculum Co-ordinator, is going on Maternity Leave for the rest of the year from this Friday. We wish her all the best for the upcoming birth of her new baby!

Her position as Co-ordinator will be filled by another staff member for the rest of 2015 and her other role as Reading Support Teacher will be taken by Jess Durdin, one day a week. A contract teacher will cover the people doing the Co-ordinator and Reading Support role.

Graham Alder - Principal
NEW EXPIATION FEES have been provided to us by the Rural City of Murray Bridge. In the following issues of the Newsletter, we will be informing parents/caregivers of rules and the fines that will be issued if you do not follow correct parking procedures.

BUS ZONE ARR 193 (1)
Only public buses are permitted in Bus Zones. Bus drivers need unrestricted access to these areas to safely pick up and set down passengers. Unauthorized vehicles create severe inconvenience for bus drivers, particularly during peak periods. Stopping to set down or pick up a passenger is not permitted. Expiration amount $119.00

JORDAN DOWNS
(entry was free for early payment of school fees or eligible for school card)

LOST PROPERTY
Please check the lost property box outside the front office to see if anything belongs to your child/children. Any unclaimed items will be sorted, washed and given to charity at the end of the term.

SCIENCE NEWS

On Tuesday 24th March 2015 MBSPS was visited by ORIGIN “Energy made Fresh in Schools” program. The students from years 5,6 and some year 7’s were able to participate in an exciting and hands-on approach to learning about energy and in particular energy made from our bodies. The students generated their own energy by riding a bike, dancing and playing an active game and brain (thinking energy). This energy was metered and it was discovered that the children had been able to generate 20000 kw hours of energy. This energy was converted into money and the students were able to generate $2000 worth of energy. WOW!! This money has been donated to the school and will be used to continue funding the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program that we have here in place in year 6 + 7 and half of it is being donated to NRM Education to enable them to continue with their invaluable support and resources for MBSPS. The incursion was a huge success and the students displayed amazing respect and manners toward the visitors in our school.

Well done!!

MRS LEACH—Science Teacher

Canteen Special
Friday 10th April (last day of school)
CHIPS + GRAVY $3.50
All orders MUST be in by Recess.

Please supply your own spoons, forks etc for your child’s food. The Canteen does not provide them.

Term 2 + 3 Canteen Price List is included with this Newsletter.

ANNETTE (Canteen Manager)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE NOTE! Due to a student with a SEVERE ALLERGY TO ALL NUTS the Canteen will NO LONGER supply NUTELLA or PEANUT BUTTER sandwiches.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Winner of the $50.00 Meat Raffle.
JORDAN DOWNS

Week 9 Whole School Assembly
Award Winners

- Communities for Children-Murray Bridge
- April School Holiday Program: See Community Noticeboard for more details on activities.
- Blue Light Ten Pin Bowling: Saturday 11th April 3-4pm. FREE BOWLING. Ages 5-17 years. Bridge Bowl, Maurice Road, Murray Bridge. Food and drink available to purchase. Prizes to be won, arcade games to play. Teams of 4 (or make a team on the day). Police and Police volunteer supervisors. Look in Event (parents to be left at the door, essential carers ok). Alcohol and drug free. Registrations essential by 8th April 2015. Numbers limited to 100. Contact Murray Bridge Police Station 8539520 for more information. Registration forms available from the front office.
- AUSKICK is for boys and girls who want to learn the skills of Australian Rules Football. Register and pay online to become a member of the Murray Bridge Auskick Centre. This includes 12 weekly sessions and an Auskick Pack. On your first session we ask all participants to bring their registration confirmation and receipt forms. Murray Bridge Auskick Centre-Murray Bridge High School, Swanport Road. Sundays 10am-11am. Registration Day—Sunday May 3rd at 9.30am. Co-ordination—Adrian "Flash" Gregson (0401 507 330) after 4pm. If you have any queries please contact Adrian—Auskick Manager (041) 706 619 or email aublack@bigpond.net.au. Information flyers available at the front office. Use your $50 Sports Voucher towards the cost of Auskick when you register and pay online. By using the Sports Voucher you only pay $10 via credit card.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday—Term 2 begins on Monday 27th April!!

LEST WE FORGET
100 years since the ANZACs landed in Gallipoli

Family Wellbeing
Aboriginal Access Centre

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Twins (C9) 19/4/15
Krysta (C9) 20/4/15
Kath (C4) 21/4/15
Yasmin (C3) 22/4/15
Hanna (U1) 25/4/15
Jess (C3) 30/4/15

By Kade (C6)

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Kris (C7) 1/4/15
Lea (C5) 2/4/15
Ian (C1) 3/4/15
Aileen (C4) 4/4/15
Michael (C3) 5/4/15
Kathy (U4) 7/4/15
Alana (C9) 8/4/15
Naomi (C6) 9/4/15
Devon (C3) 10/4/15
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Phillip (C7) 11/4/15
Murray (C2) 12/4/15
Sawar (C7) 13/4/15
Jhennie (C3) 14/4/15
Alana (C7) 14/4/15
Michael (C9) 15/4/15
Lily (C1) 17/4/15
Jared (C3) 19/4/15
Sawar (C1) 22/4/15
Nal (C2) 24/4/15
Sawar (C7) 27/4/15
Luke (U2) 29/4/15
Khrismonde (C4) 30/4/15
Justice (C3) 1/5/15
Liam (C1) 2/5/15
Sawar (C8) 4/5/15
Michael (C3) 5/5/15
Sawar (C1) 7/5/15
Cody (C1) 8/5/15
Naomi (C4) 9/5/15
Brock (C3) 11/5/15
Melissa (U3) 13/5/15
Michael (C1) 14/5/15
Naomi (C2) 15/5/15
Sawar (C5) 16/5/15
Abigail (C6) 17/5/15
Michael (C2) 18/5/15
Kodi (C3) 19/5/15
Liam (C3) 20/5/15
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