

**Principal:** Mr Stuart Kitto  
**Deputy Principal:** Ms Sue Thompson  
**School Counsellor:** Mrs Michelle Currie  
**Curriculum Coordinator:** Mrs Renee Chandler

Year 6/7	Mrs Jessica Hankin	C4
Year 7	Ms Jenna Longstaff	C3
Year 5/6	Mrs Michelle Shepherd	C1
Year 5/6	Mrs Tania Lucas	C2
Year 3	Mr Mark Revell	C7
Year 3/4	Ms Jessica Will	C8
Year 3/4	Ms Ammanda Jarrad	C9
Year R/1	Mrs Denise O'Shea	U1
Year 1/2	Mrs Faith McKnight	U2
Year 1	Ms Ashlee Ferguson	U3
Year 2	Mrs Renee Chandler/ Mrs Kate Weinmann	U4
Year 1	Mrs Rosalie Pike	U5
Year 2	Ms Jessica Durdin/ Mrs Kate Weinmann	C10
Reception	Miss Laura Williams	C5
Reception	Mrs Tracy Williams	C6

#### SUPPORT TEACHERS

Special Education:	Mrs Sarah Saliba
Special Ed/EALD:	Mrs Jean Vavic
LOTE/Special Ed:	Mrs Louisa Schapel Mr Chris Popplewell
AET/EALD:	Ms Jo Rothall
PE:	Mrs Deb Hopgood
SCIENCE:	Mrs Lyndee Leach

#### NON-TEACHING STAFF

SSO's:	Mrs Jude Modra (Finance) Mrs Heather Hindle (Library) Mrs Cathy Bolt Mrs Margaret Barton-Ancliffe Ms Kerry Symes Mrs Karen Altschwager Mrs Tracey Andriske Mrs Roni Morrison Mrs Jenny Boughen Ms Shardonai Karpany
IT:	Mr Josh Strauss
PSW:	Mrs Narelle Chester
ACEO:	Ms Raylene Rigney
ACEO:	Mrs Verlaine Crompton
GROUNDSMAN:	Mr Doug James
CANTEEN:	Mrs Annette Thomson

## Canteen Specials

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!!  
Wednesday 3rd Feb to Friday 12th Feb

**PIZZA SINGLE (ham + pineapple or cheese and bacon) + Oak Milk (choc, straw or Banana) \$4.00 save 80c**

#### \$1 DAY SPECIALS

available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays

LISTEN TO MORNING NOTICES FOR WHAT'S ON SPECIAL!!

**Sorry, NO CREDIT is available so please do not ask!**

ANNETTE THOMSON  
(Canteen Manager)

#### SCHOOL FEES

Invoices will be sent home with students this week. Please make sure you receive this from your child. (If you have already paid or applied for school card this year, you may not receive an invoice).

Please pay your School Fees as soon as possible to enable resources to be purchased for the students. We welcome payment by instalments if that is more convenient. Invoices can be paid by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, EFT Direct Credit or arrangements can be made to use the Centrepay facility.

If you think you are eligible for **School Card for 2016**, or wish to know more about it, please ask the front office for an application form as soon as possible. **If you pay your fees in full or apply for school card (if eligible) by Friday 25th March 2016, you will automatically be entered into a FREE raffle to win a \$50.00 meat voucher.**

#### BELL TIMES

8:50am	Start of school day
8:50-9:05am	Reading
10:45-11:05am	RECESS
12:45-12:50pm	Eating in Class
12:50-1:30pm	LUNCH
3:10pm	End of school day

**Please ensure your child/children arrive at school on time. Valuable learning time is lost when students are late for school. Continual lateness can have an adverse effect on long term student learning.**



# Newsletter

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#### ABSENCE HOTLINE

**0427 016460**

(text mobile or leave message after hours):

**85 32 2155**

**If your child is going to be absent, please use the school mobile number as above. Thank you!**

#### DIARY DATES

##### FEBRUARY

Mon 8th  
Swimming lessons start  
Port Power visit

Thur 18th  
Swimming lessons finish

##### MARCH

Mon 14th  
ADELAIDE CUP HOLIDAY

Mon 21st  
Harmony Day

Fri 25th  
GOOD FRIDAY

Mon 28th  
EASTER MONDAY

APRIL

Mon 4th-Fri 8th  
Softball SAPSASA

Fri 15th  
Last day Term 1

##### MAY

Mon 2nd  
First day Term 2

#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Murray Bridge South Primary School for the 2016 school year. As someone who is new to the school, it has been fantastic to see so many friendly, welcoming and helpful faces, as it can be a bit scary going somewhere you haven't been before. If you are also new to the MBSPS community, I'd like to extend a special welcome and encourage you to introduce yourself when you see me in the yard.

Prior to my appointment here, I was principal at Tintinara Area School for five years, and principal at Woomera Area School for 2 years before that.

Most of my developmental years as a teacher and leader took place at Stuart High School in Whyalla, where I worked for almost 10 years in a number of different roles, including Teacher Librarian, English Coordinator, Social Inclusion Coordinator, Assistant Principal and Acting Principal. Returning to a school like ours feels very much like coming home, and I am looking forward to getting to know the students, parents and staff.

Throughout this year we will be reviewing many of our processes and practices at school, and reflecting on ways that we might be able to simplify, clarify or improve these processes and practices. The input of parents will be crucial as we strive for this improvement, as we know that when we work together and bring many minds to focus on a problem we are able to find better solutions and strategies. Please keep an eye out for opportunities to provide feedback—a range of strategies will be used, and we hope that you will get involved.

One of our initial priorities will be developing a common understanding about the values that Murray Bridge South Primary School is seeking to develop in our students. As I have moved around the school, some of our values are quite clear—I have already seen staff and students valuing respect, friendliness and working together—but others might be buried deeper. It is important that our whole school community is working towards a common purpose as we are all partners in preparing our children and young people to change the world, and the success we can find together is greater than we can find if we work alone.

As a leader, I value creative risk taking, collaboration, ambitious failure and encouragement. I believe we make better decisions when we work together, and this leads to better outcomes for kids. If you see me in the yard, let me know what you value, and what you would like to see for our children. You may also like to email your ideas to me, at [stuart.kitto629@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:stuart.kitto629@schools.sa.edu.au)

I believe that the purpose of education is to build citizens who know who they are and how they learn; who are able to communicate about ideas and feelings, and able to make connections between different ideas and feelings; who understand how the world works and who have effective strategies for engaging with the world beyond their classroom, school or local town. I believe we are here to help young people read and write and understand complexity, and we are here to help prepare young people to change the world. The world is changing at a faster and faster rate every year and the great challenge for us as parents and educators is to ensure that we are helping our children prepare for this change. It is the one constant that will be with them throughout the next 80 odd years of life.

Over the next few months we will be talking about the "why", the "how", and the "what" of schooling at Murray Bridge South Primary School, and I look forward to taking with you about our future.



**STUART KITTO (Principal)**

#### COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **Story Telling at the Murray Bridge Library:** Every Tuesdays 9:30am to 10:00am. Yuntulun Namawi Po:rl-ar Ngoldun -nragi (Together our Children Succeed). If you are interested in attending or would like to be a Story Teller, please contact Georgie Trevorrow [g.trevorrow@murraybridge.sa.gov.au](mailto:g.trevorrow@murraybridge.sa.gov.au) or mobile 0437 799 841 (Mon-Thur).

**A NOTE FROM SUE THOMPSON—DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

Welcome back to the new school year! My name is Sue Thompson and I am new to the school as the Deputy Principal. I have been in leadership positions as Deputy Principal, Acting Principal and Assistant Principal for over a decade. I have also been a class teacher R-7, an Indonesian teacher and teacher/librarian. I am excited about being here and working with the school community. It was a pleasure yesterday to walk around our classrooms and see students all in school uniform, concentrating on their learning and very well settled in their rooms. I am keen to get to know what the students enjoy here at Murray Bridge South and the type of learning that excites them to be creative and critical thinkers. If you see me in the yard, please pop over and say “hello” as I would really enjoy getting to know our families.



**SWIMMING R-6**

Today notes will be coming home for your child to attend swimming lessons at the Murray Bridge Olympic Pool starting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February and finishing on Thursday February 18<sup>th</sup>. Students will change at school and will need bathers, T-shirt, towel, hat, hair brush and footwear (thongs or sandals to travel to and from the pool **but** students must have appropriate footwear for the remainder of the day). It is really helpful to have your child’s name on their clothing so that if anything is left behind it is easy to return it to your child. There are **no costs** involved as the program is part of the curriculum. It would be appreciated if you could return the consent form to your child’s class teacher as soon as possible with the latest possible return date being Thursday afternoon to enable teachers to attend to whole class preparation. These forms are essential to enable your child to attend the program on Monday. If your consent form includes medication, this medication must be brought to the school by Thursday afternoon also so that they can be organised to be sent to the pool with class teachers.

I have just received notification of a change to the timetable for swimming due to staffing issues:

9:15—9:40am	U4, C10
9:40—10:05am	U2, U3
10:05—10:30am	U5 & U1
10:30—10:55am	C5, C6
10:55—11:40am	C9, C2, C4
1:45—2:30pm	C1, C8, C7

Please make sure that your child is at school before the 8:50am bell as the first group goes pretty quickly and a few have missed the bus!

If you go to the pool to watch and wish to take a photo or video, please ensure that you do not get any other children in the picture. If the picture ends up on Facebook the child’s parent could complain.

**DRUG AND ALCOHOL EDUCATION**

Richard Rowland from Drug Education will be providing a motivational program to all students catered to suit each year level. This informative program is offered every year with students gaining insightful learning about student wellbeing and

**Reading Post**

Reading post is a daily reading program designed to give extra reading practice using levelled reading materials for students who need it. The program has been highly successful but the success relies on the support of our volunteer helpers.

**Can you help?**

We are **urgently** looking for volunteers to help with the Reading Post program which runs at the school every morning from 8:50am to 9:05am **starting in the coming weeks**. If you or someone you know enjoys reading and would like to help a child become a better reader, please contact us. Return the tear-off slip below as soon as possible and we will contact you with further information.



Sarah Saliba,+ Jean Vavic

**READING POST VOLUNTEER**

NAME: ..... Telephone Contact: .....

I am interested in helping with the Reading Post Program. Signature: .....



Welcome back and welcome to the new families to Murray Bridge South Primary! I am sure it’s going to be a good year! Last year we began implementing Kids Matter primary and worked on the first component, which was raising the level of awareness of the importance of good mental health and community. We will continue working with the community on being inclusive to all our families and focus on the Social Emotional Learning programs that we use with students across the school.

I will have a focus on Student Leadership and continue to work with students in ways which broaden their skills when working with others.

Next Newsletter there will be an article on the importance of belonging in children’s learning and their resilience in dealing with change.

I look forward to working with community and school again this year. Please feel free to contact me if you need to discuss anything that may affect your child’s learning.

I will be running the parents’ group for the next couple of Mondays, focusing on helping your child as they begin school.

All welcome.  
Meet in the Activity Room 9:00 on Monday.

**Michelle Currie**  
Primary School Counsellor  
[Michelle.currie588@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Michelle.currie588@schools.sa.edu.au)



**LATE ARRIVALS**

All students arriving at school after 8:50am must sign in at the front office before going to class.  
**Family pick ups:** Parents must meet their child at the front office to be signed out if leaving the school early.

**BANKING**

We collect bank books every **Tuesday** for Bank SA. If your child wishes to use this facility please send along their passbooks on bank day.

**STUDENT HEALTH**

Just a reminder to parents/caregivers who have a child with Asthma, ADHD, Epilepsy, Diabetes or serious allergies: If your child has a health condition which requires specific first aid responses, a Health Support Plan is documented between the school and family with advice from the child’s doctor. **These plans need to be updated every year.** Please contact the front office for assistance if your child needs to have a Health Support Plan.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

- Adara (C4) 2nd February
- Blade (U2) 2nd February
- Hossein (U5) 2nd February
- Tyler (C2) 6th February
- Ricky (C8) 6th February
- Zahlee (C10) 7th February
- Salima (U1) 7th February
- Elizabeth (C2) 8th February
- Kaidan (U5) 8th February
- Josiah (C7) 9th February
- Matika (C4) 11th February
- Keyshawn (C4) 13th February



**PARENTS/CARERS COFFEE 'N CHAT**  
**ACTIVITY ROOM**  
**EVERY MONDAY MORNING**  
**AFTER SCHOOL DROP OFF to**  
**10:00AM**

**ALL WELCOME!!**

**SECOND HAND CLOTHES**

The second hand uniform cupboard is in desperate need of stock. If you have any items of school uniforms which are too small for your children, would you be interested in donating them to the school? This will allow us to provide these items to other children and families, so that our students are able to wear our school uniform.