

Mundulla Primary School



GROW IN KNOWLEDGE

our school values:

excellence
respect
responsibility
integrity
co-operation
creativity

Newsletter 4

25th March 2022

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

As I've been reading and hearing the news recently I heard a statement made regarding a saying that was attributed to Keith Warne (father of Shane). Although I can't find the exact quote it was something along the lines of: Manners are free, make use of them. Well that's what I took away from what I heard.

It struck me that this is something we want from all of the people we interact with. It is a sign of respect and acknowledgement of others. I often used to offer a 'free' smile that could be passed on, but now with masks I am realising that people can't see when I'm smiling at them!

As the term heads into the last few weeks we find we are reminding students more often about the need to take care of each other through words and deeds (manners) however we are also seeing some especially touching moments between students. Here's one example:

A reception student couldn't find her hat at play time.

"That's OK," said student 2, "I've got some places we can look" and off they went. The hat wasn't found. Student 2 then said she would sit under the pergola with student 1 so she wasn't on her own. Off they went happily under the shade.

Thankfully the hat was found in the next break in the sandpit! But I couldn't help but be proud of these new students to our school for the way they cared for each other.

So many things have happened recently in the area, state, country and world that students hear about, that it is great to take time and be grateful for what we do have right here.

CALENDAR

30 – 31 Mar	Parent/Teacher Interviews
30 Mar	Choir rehearsal Mundulla Hall
31 Mar	11am Student Induction Ceremony
1 Apr	Instrumental Music teacher here for lessons
2 Apr	Daylight Savings ends
6 Apr	F – 3 Parent Workshop - Reading
13 Apr	Jump Rope for Heart
14 Apr	Newsletter
	Last day of term
	2.30pm dismissal
9 Sept	Last day Premiers Reading Challenge

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Department for Education

GOVERNING COUNCIL

I will admit to being disappointed with the turn out for our AGM – it would be the lowest number of parents to ever attend in the time I have been at the school – and that's a while now. We have formed a council, but with the smallest number we can have. So if you would like to help these 8 people we'd appreciate hearing from you.

These are the parents representing you on Governing Council -

Returning as councillors are:

Adam Obst (Chairperson)

Nicole Mead (Secretary)

Courtney Geary (Treasurer)

Daryl Nicholls (Chaplaincy and Bus Committees)

Thank you also to our new councillors:

Sammy Hunt

Andrew Bennett

Luke Wiese

Tim Graetz

We also farewelled some councillors who still have children attending our school and they have made a significant contribution to our school which I would like to acknowledge- hopefully we will see some of them back again later.

Thank you for your work on council:

Tracey van den Berg has been a member of council for some time and has been active of the fundraising group as well.

Laura Excell has taken on the roles of Treasurer, Secretary and fundraising during her time on council.

Tim Leach has been on council and taken on many roles. Most significantly, he has been our Chairperson for the last 3 years keeping our council in order and providing support for everyone. He was also the parent representative on the Principal panel 3 years ago.

One of the things decided at the meeting was the approval of the Pupil free days. There are 3 pupil free days set (with one to be determined) and a school closure day.

Pupil free: 10th June - Common Day across the partnership

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Pupil free: 11th November– our school

School Closure: 5th September- Adelaide Show – for Bordertown and Mundulla schools.

It was also decided at the meeting to accept the offer of the fundraiser from the District Council to cater for the Tatiara Volunteers Dinner in May. Nicole and Courtney have offered to co-ordinate this, so let them know how you'd be able to help – setting up tables and chairs, with food, serving or doing dishes on the night, or the clean-up / pack up the next day. Remember many hands makes light work.

Sapsasa has started. Well done to Bella and Tasha for trying out for the softball team. Special mention to Tasha, Olivia, Beau and Lachy who have been selected for the swimming squad to compete in the state carnival in Adelaide.

Our next newsletter will be a week later than usual, on the last day of term. I will be in Adelaide with students on the 5/6 camp and Jenny, who puts our newsletter together and distributes it, won't be here that week either.

Staff News

On that note, we congratulate Jenny on her selection in the State Dragon Boat Team. She has put in a lot of effort in training and trips to Adelaide to train and participate in events and selections. This weekend she is competing in the SA Championships. In April she is competing in the Masters Games here in Bordertown, then the National Dragon Boat Championships in Adelaide the following week. We wish her all the best.

Abby is in the basketball team for the Masters Games as well. I encourage you to head out to cheer their teams on.

Late news:

I am sure everyone has heard and wondered about the information re pupil free days at the end of this term. There has been nothing official sent to me about this. With very high numbers of staff and students ill in many schools, I know that there have been closures of classes as a circuit breaker, due to the high level of Covid cases and lack of staff, but not all schools closing completely. I do not anticipate full closures happening across the state, but I am not making the decisions!

The Department for Education in discussions with SA Health have decided that the restrictions for schools will remain the same as they are currently. This means the continuation of activities such as assemblies and concerts outdoors only.

We are restricted in travel and therefore we have to cancel the 5/6 Adelaide camp, as we travel over 2.5 hours from the school and students in overnight accommodation share a room with more than 2 people and share communal spaces. This means we aren't able to stay away for the 2 nights in the dorms with shared space as we had organised.

We are very disappointed for the students, hopefully these restrictions will not continue all year and we might be able to book again (although unfortunately the accommodation is usually fully booked (we booked last October to get 2 nights in April)

Of course I will keep you updated with official news rather than media suggestions!

Scholastic Book Club

We request that all orders are placed online. The orders will still be delivered to school for students and we will continue to send home the leaflets with the books available for purchase.

The **EASIEST** way for parents to order and pay for **Book Club!**

Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's **Book Club** order using your credit card. Your order will electronically be linked to your school when you order and pay by **LOOP**.

Also available as an app:





So far students have raised an **AMAZING**

\$1,703.54

It's not too late to start fundraising

Donations can be made up to
Wednesday 13 April (Jump off Day)

Details for Jump Off Day will be sent home soon

****If anyone wants to donate to this event please contact a school family**



Take a moment:

To BUILD UP!



My son is at a really fun age where we can have building competitions, of a sort. He knocks down whatever I stack and I try can to see how high I can get it before he knocks it over. It does not matter how many blocks I do, he exerts a single push and it all comes crumbling down. Words can be very much the same. You have probably heard you could hear 10 encouraging statements, but then a single harsh word can bring them all down as if it were nothing. Just as a proverb says, "Gentle words bring life and health; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit."

How often has a compliment just turned your whole day around, or put a spring in your step? It is known that giving a compliment can lift the spirits of both the receiver and the giver. On the flip side, how has a harsh word impacted you?

There is a lot of power in words. The more we hear the same thing over and over again, the more one can start to internalise and believe it. This works for both positive and negative comments. One way to help you stay in a positive mindset can be to do your own positive affirmations. Tell yourself, "I am brave, I am strong, and I can do [this]." Tell yourself that you a beautiful inside and out. Tell yourself what it is you need to hear.

It would be great if everyone in the world just spoke kindly to each other, but the chances of that are slim. That does not mean we cannot try. Start with your world. Who can you build up today? If someone builds you up, how can you pay it forward and build up someone else? You have the blocks, the choice is yours. Build or knock down?

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PHOTO COMPETITION

AND ANTIQUE PHOTO DISPLAY

OPEN & STUDENT SECTIONS

CASH PRIZES

PHONE 0419 838 466, 0417 890 868 or 0457 912 957

FOR ENTRY FORMS TO BE EMAILED

ALL ENTRIES TO BE HANDED IN TO CLAYTON FARM BY THURSDAY
28TH APRIL

COMPETITION HELD ENTIRE MONTH OF

MAY



KIDS TIME OUT

SIDESHOW Night

A great time.

Friday March 25th 7 - 9 pm.

Meet Uniting Church Hall.

All Children Years 2-7 Welcome.

Bordertown Vineyard Christian Fellowship.

Enquiries ; Ros & John Patterson. Ph. 0429405570.

See you there!

Come dressed as your FAVOURITE sports star or team

TATIARA SA MASTERS GAMES FUTURE ATHLETES MARCH

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

Meet at the Horse Gates at the Bordertown Football Club
04:35pm START

All participants get a fruit box and movie ticket!

For more info, don't hesitate to call:
8752 1044

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MUNDULLA FOOTBALL CLUB AUSKICK



Every Thursday of term 2

Mundulla Football Oval

4-5pm

\$40 per child

5-10 year olds

All welcome

Any questions- Jenna Kennett 0419 825 058

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Bordertown Golf Club - Junior Program
Tuesdays - 29 March, 5, 12 & 26 April
Time: 4.00pm - 5.30pm

- For Boys & Girls wishing to give golf ago.
- Program modified to suit all skill levels.
- Loan equipment available if needed,
- Participants are welcome to bring their own.



GET INTO GOLF



Bordertown Golf Club

Learn the basics of Golf

For women wishing to give golf ago, learning the basic skills and applying them on course, program modified to suit all skill levels. Loan equipment available if needed, participants are welcome to bring their own.

1 x 90min session each Tuesday for 4 weeks, everyone welcome

Location: Bordertown GC, Golf Course Road, Bordertown

Date: Tuesdays 29 March, 5, 12 & 26 April

Time: 5.45pm – 6.30pm

Cost: \$40

Register: <https://www.golf.org.au/getintogolf/facility/Bordertown+Golf+Club>

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