From the Principal …

Hi everyone,

On behalf of our school community of students, staff and parents, I would like to offer our sincere condolences to Libby, Jack, Georgina, Alice and the entire Kelsh and extended families. Our thoughts are with them at this time.

I would also like to pass on our appreciation for the support and understanding that the School Community has shown for the school and the family after we received the sad news that Glen had passed away. Last Thursday’s modified program enabled most of our staff to attend Glen’s funeral and I really appreciated parents’ understanding and support around this. Last Tuesday, we were able to fly in a DECD Social Worker (Catherine Opitz), who is trained in Grief and Loss, to support students and staff. She worked in all classes and provided individual support to students. We are still able to contact Catherine by phone if needed, and if you have any concerns you are welcome to contact the school. Attached to the newsletter is some information about understanding grief and loss that may be useful to parents.

Preschool & 2/3 class relieving teachers
Denise Watson is on long service leave from this week until the end of term. She will be replaced in the preschool by Kerri-Ann Gill.

Natasha Gill will also be away on leave during the last 2 weeks of term. She will be replaced by Carmen Davis for this period.

PAT Testing
Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) in Maths and Reading will be run for all students from Year 1 to 9 over the course of the next 3 weeks. The results of these tests will be analysed together with NAPLAN and other assessment results, and used to formulate individual learning plans for next year.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent teacher interviews will be held during Week 8, 13th to 15th September. I encourage all parents to take the opportunity to catch up with teachers and to ask any questions you many have about your child/ren’s learning.

Book Week
Our open day celebrating the Book Week theme of “Australia: Story - Country” was a great success. Thank you to all the staff and students who contributed to the day, and thank you to all parents, family and community members who came along. It is always great to see parents in the school engaging with their child/ren’s learning, and we know it makes a positive difference to our students. (see Photos Page 3)

Karen Stokes

FOR YOUR DIARY

Week 8
Parent Interviews 13th - 14th Sep
Flip music students 12th - 14th Sep

Week 9
Secondary camp to Sydney 19th - 23rd Sep

Week 10
End of Term 3
school buses depart 2:15pm Fri 30th Sep

Term 4 Week 1
School starts Mon 17th Oct
“Sam the Magic Man” performance Tues 18th Oct
SAPSASA trials cricket/netball Fri 21st Oct

Week 2
Year 4/5 camp to Errappa 26th-28th Oct

Week 4
Student Free Day Thurs 10th Nov

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Next Monday, we are lucky to have Leah Draper and Sarah Scragg from Ceduna Area School coming to MAS. They presented at our last staff development day in Ceduna, and they will be continuing that discussion with us on site at Miltaburra. The afternoon will be about implementing some practical classroom applications, based on the latest research, for developing students’ writing skills.
ABSENCES
1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but……

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The winner of this year’s footy tipping is Mackenzie Best, followed closely by Jack Kelsh and a draw for third between Jesse Pittaway and Fraser Gum.

GRANT MONEY
The new sports equipment has arrived at school - adjustable netball rings, netballs, mobile football goals and a shot put trolley. Once again, thankyou to the Streaky Bay Hotel Board for their funding.

Emergency foster carers needed
Foster care agencies are currently seeking emergency and short term foster carers.

What is emergency foster care?
Sometimes children need urgent placement with a foster carer because there are concerns for the child’s immediate safety. These placements can occur any time, day or night, including after hours and on weekends.

‘Emergency’ does not mean you start today. All foster carers receive thorough training and assessment to ensure the children placed with you are safe and that you have the skills needed to provide quality care.

For more information, visit the Families SA website.

Contact: Program Officer, Foster Care Services, Maria Krahling, Phone 8226 6617

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GEOSCIENCES SUMMER SCHOOL
The Resources and Energy Group of the Department of State Development is offering students currently in Year 9, 10, 11 or 12 the opportunity to participate in the Geosciences Summer School.

Students with a genuine interest in Science and Mathematics should apply. The course will culminate with a visit to an operational gold mine.

The summer school will be open to 20 students, and will be based at the State Drill Core Library, Tonsley Boulevard, Clovelly Park SA, from the 12th - 21st December 2016.

This is a free course with successful applicants expected to attend the 8 day course. Application forms are available from the Front Office.
Where's Wally?!
Abbey, Airlie, Phillip and Charlie found him!!
Come along Monday 12th Sept and Thursday 15th Sept
7pm - 9pm to watch these two great presentations online at Ngura Yadurirn

Call Sam on 86252294 to book or if you need a lift
Your Health Link Photographic Competition

The Mid North Coast Local Health District MNCLHD (NSW Health) has launched a national photographic competition called Your Health Link Photographic Competition, with the theme Healthy Life Healthy You. The competition is designed to increase health literacy and is open to all Australian primary and high school students.

There are over $45,000 in prizes which includes prizes that support healthy school canteen programs or similar initiatives. The competition has 3 categories: Schools (Primary and High School), Mobile and Open 18+ (open to all Australian residents).

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**Canteen Roster**

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**Canteen Special**

Spaghetti Bolognaise

only $2.50

valid for Term 3

**Happy Birthday to ...**

- Marley Holmes 5th Sept
- Chloe Armstrong 17th Sept