Dear Parents and Caregivers

The next few weeks are very busy ones, so I would like to take the time to share what is happening with you. It will help us all to stay on track!

- Students in Years 4 – 7 will be filling out the Middle Years Development Instrument survey designed to understand how children during the middle childhood years think and feel about their lives, both inside and outside of school.
- Despite how it looks in the media, NAPLαN results for students in Years 3, 5 and 7 are yet to arrive in schools. Parents can expect to have the results before the end of Week 7 this term and, as in past years, the invitation is there for parents to come in and discuss the results with the teacher/s concerned. It could be a good topic for discussion at interviews later this term!
- Selected students sat the ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) tests in English and Maths offered by the University of New South Wales this term and results from these tests will be available later this term or early next. After some discussion at Parent Club and with staff, the suggestion was made that students receive their results as they arrive, rather than wait for the certificates to be presented at the Concert Night as was the tradition. The certificates could be presented at an Assembly and the results published in the next newsletter. Your thoughts on this idea would be appreciated. Please make contact with me!
- Also from Parent Club, there is a call out for donations for the Christmas raffle. Goods suitable for this raffle can be dropped in at the school and would be most welcome. The Parent Club would like to have this organised before the end of the term.
- Students are getting fired up about the prospect of not just one, but two, sports days. The Manoora Primary School Sports Day is the first of these and will be held on Friday 4 September at the town oval. The back-up day for our Sports Day is Monday 7 September.
- The Gilbert Valley Sports Day, which we are also hosting this year at the town oval, is on Thursday 10 September, with the back-up day on Friday 11 September. Please put these dates in your diaries as we would love to see families and friends come out to support our students at these events. A working bee is planned prior to this event.
- The Parent Club/Governing Council Bingo Night fundraiser is happening on Friday 21 August at the Waterloo Town Hall at 7 pm with ‘eyes down’ at 7.15 pm. Entry is $15 for adults, which includes a book of bingo games and additional books can be purchased at $5 each. BYO supper. There will be some fun activities between games and prizes awarded to the winners of the bingo games as well as the activities. Manoora Primary School families are reminded that a bottle of wine or a couple of blocks of chocolate for prizes would be appreciated (see flyer in this newsletter). Children can join in with the bingo (at a cost of $5 for a book) and there will be DVDs to watch on offer as well. Please bring rugs, pillows or a beanbag for your child to sit on and to soften the hard floor!
- Also on Friday 21 August, students in Years 5, 6 and 7 will be going to ‘Magic Millions’ at the Morphettville Racecourse for the first of their big rehearsals for the Festival of Music, held in mid September. Our performance date is Friday 18 September, starting at 7.30 pm.
- Monday 24 August is a Student Free Day for Manoora Primary School students and, in fact, for primary school students across our Lower Mid North Partnership. Teachers from all of these sites (Manoora, Hamley Bridge, Saddleworth, Riverton, Owen, Tarlee, Port Wakefield and Balaklava) will be getting together to discuss and debate the Australian Curriculum and where they believe students in their classes are at. Teachers will be bringing examples of students work to be moderated by their peers so that they can be confident that a ‘C’ given to a student in one school at a particular year level compares to the ‘C’ given to another student in the same year level at a different school.

Last, but never least, this week is SSO Week and the theme for the week is SSOs (School Services Officers) are ‘a vital link to students’ educational pathways’. When you think of all the things Marie, Emily and Daniel do for and with students and staff in our school, I am sure you will agree that they are a fabulous resource that none of us could (or would want to!) do without. Thankyou Marie, Emily and Daniel, we really appreciate your efforts on the students’ behalf!

Keep up with us and enjoy the term and all that is on offer!
Our farm-themed casual day was LOTS of fun ... and raised a splendid $67 for our chook shed in Uganda project. Well done, everyone!!!

We are keeping track of our fundraising on a chart on the outer window of the Waratah corridor. We are almost a quarter of the way to our goal! $228 so far!! A wonderful effort!!!
It’s hard to believe term 3 is now upon us. How quickly time flies! From conversations in the school yard it sounds like the holidays were filled with fun, adventures and, for many, movies. When I asked students about the highlights from their holidays, many mentioned watching ‘Minions’ and ‘Inside Out’.

I personally haven’t seen ‘Inside Out’ yet, but after reading Kirrilie Smout’s article on the movie from a child psychologist’s perspective, I would like to.

In her article, Kirrilie suggests four questions to ask your children after watching ‘Inside Out’...

**Question 1:** In the movie Sadness was important because she helped people around Riley see that she needed help. Can you remember a time when you were sad? Can you think of anything good that happened because you were sad? Do you think there is anything good that can ever come from being sad?

**Question 2:** Riley did not want to tell her Mum and Dad she was feeling sad. Do you feel like it’s okay to tell me when you are sad? What about when you are angry, scared or disgusted? Do you think it’s okay to tell your teachers or friends when you are sad, angry or scared? Why or why not?

**Question 3:** What else could Riley have done other than run away? What 3 things could you do to help you feel better if you were feeling really sad or worried?

**Question 4:** Remember how Riley had personality islands... parts of her which were very important to her, like soccer, friends, family, being goofy. What are your “personality islands”? What things are very important to you? What islands would you like to build in the future?

I hope these conversation starters are helpful to your family in having an opportunity to discuss feelings and teaching your kids some important concepts. The more we can openly talk about our feelings with others the less likely they are to control us.

To read Kirrilie’s full article go to [www.developingminds.net.au](http://www.developingminds.net.au).

Kristy Adams
Pastoral Care Worker

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**END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

In past years we have had this annual Christmas raffle as our major fundraiser, and have had large prizes. We are not going ‘all out’ this year, so there will be monetary value for prizes that families have been asked to supply in the past.

Instead, we are asking that families please think about any donations that they are willing to make towards this raffle.

Thankyou.  *Manoora Primary School Parents’ Club*
Gilbert Valley Basketball Assoc.

AGM MEETING

WEDNESDAY 26th August

Riverton Primary School (Meeting Room), @ 7:30pm

*Do you want to play Junior Basketball?
(Primary School boys & Girls, Year 3- Year 7!)

*Do you want to play Senior Basketball?
(High School boys and girls)

*Do you want to play Senior Women's and Men's Basketball?

We need members from all clubs to attend; Riverton, Marrabel, Manoora, Tarlee, Saddleworth, Auburn and any new teams that would love to join up! We are seeking any interest from players and volunteers of Primary and High School age students, as well as senior women and men.

Roles such as umpiring, coaching, canteen shifts, and scoring are needed from parents of primary school and high school aged students for basketball to continue again. The more hands the less work! Without parents and volunteers we will not have a program to run!

Our basketball community needs your time and effort to continue!

*Please share this info with as many parents and players as possible.

Thanks,
Simone Norman- Gilbert Valley Basketball President
contact: simonenorman@live.com.au

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Keep your kids smiling

Dental care is FREE for most school children and ALL preschool children at the School Dental Service.

All children aged 0-17 are welcome.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au or call us now on 8222 8222.
The Oliphant Science Awards Open Day 2015 is a free family event that will showcase the winning projects from the 2015 competition, as well as having a program filled with exciting science shows highlighting the fun of science, come & try activities and plenty of food and beverage items to try. This year our theme is Light to celebrate the International Year of Light!

WHERE: Festival Functions (292 Findon Rd, Findon)
WHEN: Sunday 23rd August 2015 from 12pm-4pm
COST: FREE (food and beverage will be available for purchase)
WHO: This event is open to the general public

This year our theme is Light to celebrate the International Year of Light!

Little Athletics SA had the privilege of attending your child’s school in 2015. The children learnt about the different track & field events at Little Athletics, whilst having loads of fun!

The LAPS Competition is provided for NEW interested participants. Parents submit their child/ren’s interest with the intention to possibly register with a local Little Athletics Centre in the 2015/2016 season.

Please visit www.salaes.org.au and click the big LAPS Competition button in the top right to register for the chance to win:

4 x Jetstar Airfares to and from the Gold Coast

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MONDAY, 31ST OF AUGUST
** Terms & Conditions Apply **

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Cyber Safety

An opportunity for parents to learn about the technology their children are using and to identify ways to keep their children safe. BHIMBCO - come along if you are not sure what that means!

Venue: Fennessey House
33 Wakefield Street
ADELAIDE SA 5000

Date: Thursday 06th August, 2015
Thursday 15th October, 2015
Tuesday 08th December, 2015

Time: 6pm – 8pm

Bookings essential, please contact (08) 8210 8200

This project is partly funded by Centacare Dakota Family Services and the Department of Social Services.

www.centacare.org.au

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Dyslexia Parent Group

Meet on the FIRST TUESDAY of each month during term time.

An opportunity to network, support, and assist other parents of children with Dyslexia.

Next meeting: Tuesday 4th August

Where: Loxon's Cafe @
The Hewlett Centre
29-30 Kingfisher Drive, Hewlett SA

For more information, please contact: Sandra Tiplaw
Tel: 0417 549 765
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Cost: FREE! Refreshments available for purchase
BINGO NIGHT
Friday 21ST August
Waterloo Hall
7 pm for ‘eyes down’ 7.15 start
Cost: $15 per adult
$5 per child and/or extra book

BYO SUPPER
BAR OPEN
Games between Bingo calls!

Contact Manoora Primary School
for tickets.
Phone: 88484304

Can all families please supply either
a bottle of wine or two blocks of chocolate for
prizes.
(These can be dropped off at the School.
Thankyou)