Dear Parents and Caregivers

The excitement of Sports Day is building, beginning with our own next week on Friday 4 September at the oval here in Manoora. This year’s Sports Day teams are included within this newsletter as well as instructions and order forms for lunch from Subway. We would love to see as many people as possible come along next Friday to support and cheer our students along – the students really enjoy and value an appreciate audience of family and friends!

The Student Free Day on Monday was well attended by primary school teachers from around the Lower Mid North Partnership: Tarlee, Owen, Hamley Bridge, Balaklava, Port Wakefield, Riverton and Saddlenorth as well as ourselves. Teachers grouped themselves according to year level and subject area (in this instance English or Maths) and took it in turns to work through a portfolio of student’s work that they had put together. The student’s work samples and assessment tasks were discussed and clarified and suggestions made by members of the group on how to further develop the tasks to showcase the student’s level of achievement. Like the other principals involved, I had the privilege of facilitating one of these groups and seeing for myself how openly teachers contributed to the process, putting the work that they had done in the classrooms in front of their peers for feedback and for confirmation (or not!) of the grade they would give the student in each instance.

Feedback from the teachers indicated that they enjoyed this process more than they had originally thought that they would, that they valued the opportunity to get constructive feedback from their peers as well as see and discuss teaching ideas with others for use in their own classrooms. Teachers were keen to be involved in a similar process in the future as well.

The second part of the day was about ‘transforming’ tasks, taking a learning task and tweaking it so that students have the opportunity to demonstrate more than just what is expected of them. It is about ensuring that students have the opportunity to demonstrate not only what is expected of them at the standard for their year level (a ‘C’) but beyond that to get a ‘B’ or even an ‘A’. For example, if the standard states that students should be able to read ‘o’clock’ times and I give you a sheet with clocks stamped on it and ask you to write the times shown underneath, then I am only giving you, as the student, the opportunity to demonstrate your knowledge at that standard and not beyond. No matter how many clock times you got right on the sheet, I could only give you a ‘C’.

On the other hand, if I asked you, for example, to make a clock and describe what it could do, you may be able to show me much more than the ‘o’clock’ times the standard asked for and in turn I could then award a ‘B’ or maybe even an ‘A’.

The second task offers a higher level of intellectual challenge as it allows for multiple ways of approaching the task and may have unpredictable solutions! It offers the student an opportunity to apply their knowledge to new situations or unfamiliar contexts and requires the student to think about their own thinking, in other words, the task goes beyond simple recall or memorisation of facts and one way of doing things. I know I appreciated working with other people in a small group to ‘transform’ our Geography task – it was after lunch and three heads were definitely better than one!

In other news, one of our bus drivers, Roy, is finishing up at the end of the term. His last bus run will be on Thursday afternoon of Week 10 (24 September). We wish Roy all the best in his future ventures and thank him for the wonderful service he has provided to the Manoora Primary School community over the years. I am sure Roy will be missed by students, parents and staff alike. Thankyou so much, Roy!

Tracy Griffin
# Sports Day Teams 2015

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Last week we finished our Maths work on Capacity by doing some cooking. Before we cooked we had to solve problems. The cookie group had to read the recipe and use the information about how to space out the cookies to find the capacity of the trays. They found that if we followed the recipe we would only fit four cookies on a tray! When we did the cooking we fit many more! The muffin groups had to find out which container had a capacity of 12 muffins. They found that a book box, elephant tub, puzzle box and bucket had a capacity of 12 muffins.

While we were cooking we used capacity by measuring ingredients in measuring cups and filling patty pans with mixture.
**Magic Millions**

On Friday, week 5, all of the years 5-7 students travelled to Morphetville Racecourse for our 1st Choir rehearsal. We all had to wake up very early to catch the bus in Saddleworth at 6.45am, along with the students from Saddleworth Primary School.

We spent 3 hours practising our 14 choir songs for the performance later in the term. It was a new experience for our year 5’s and had a great time. We are all looking forward to being on the big stage at the Festival Theatre.

**Winter Hub Carnival**

Last Wednesday, the 19th of August, 5 year 6 students played in the SAPSASA Winter Hub Carnival. Sam Nicholls, Alister Behn, Ross Palmer and Caleb Schwartz all participated in Football and Sasha Willmott in the Netball.

The footballers had a great day, taking home top position, by remaining undefeated. They played 4 games against the Balaklava Hub, and 2 Clare Hub teams. They all loved it!

The netball was also quite successful, winning against two of the 3 Clare teams and drawing with the other Burra Hub team. Sasha had fun playing with and against other girls from different schools.

**Good Luck**

All the best to the 8 Year 4-6 students that will be competing in the SAPSASA District Athletics on Tuesday 1st September in Burra.

**Book Week**

Over the past couple of weeks we have been looking at the shortlisted books for Book Week. We read books for young readers and the picture books have made us all think about lots of different issues.

This week both classes read the books ‘*My Two Blankets*’ and ‘*The Stone Lion*’.

‘*My Two Blankets*’ is a beautiful story about a child who becomes a refugee after being forced by war to travel to a foreign country. She feels very cold and lonely until she is befriended by a young girl. The message of friendship and inclusivity is clear and there was much discussion around feelings. As a school we are making our own blanket to represent each of us and the things in life that are important to us.

The second story, ‘*The Stone Lion*’ also looks at friendship and how we can help those in need. It made us think about making sacrifices for others and sometimes giving up something in order to support someone less fortunate. The students created excellent line drawings of lions that you will be able to take a look at in the coming weeks.
Manoora Primary School
"KFC" (Kids for Christ)

On the 12 of August 24 students from Manoora and Saddleworth Primary Schools participated in KFC (Kids for Christ). It was a fun-fill afternoon with games, food and a story based on 'The Good Samaritan'. The students were challenged to look for opportunities in everyday life to showing care for those around them, 'Doing unto others as you would have them do to you'.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible. Many parents volunteered their time to help supervise and provide food for afternoon tea. Thank you also to Karen Palmer for your willingness to help me out.

Due to show week we have decided to change the date of our next KFC. Instead of the 9th of September it will now be held the following Wed, 16th September 3:15—5pm.

Kristy Adams
Parent Club Report
The following matters were discussed at the August meeting:
- organisation for the Bingo Night (21 August), Christmas Raffle and Scrub Lunch date (18 October)
- the Howard's Storage World fundraiser enabled a further $250 worth of goods to be purchased for the school's kitchen
- investigation of a First Aid course to be held for students and adults
- recent catering events
- local library funding cuts. Suggest that parents sign a petition that is going around. It has been decided to return meetings to Thursdays in Weeks 3 and 7 for continuity.

Governing Council Report
The following matters were discussed at the June meeting:
- provision of a landing as well as steps to the Admin building
- Working Bee
- The school’s volunteer policy and induction session for parents, including mandatory notification requirements
- provision of flags by Veterans SA.
A brief report from the August meeting will be published in the next newsletter.

The Burra Hub Football team, made up of students from Burra Community, Manoora, Saddleworth and Riverton schools was the winner of the carnival, held at Blyth on Wednesday 12th August.

The team had 3 preliminary games, against Balaklava Hub and, representing the Clare Hub, Clare 1 and Clare 2. They performed very well as a team, winning each match.

These wins put them into the Grand Final against the next highest ranked Balaklava side. The Burra Hub team won this one too! (see photo above)

They played good team football throughout the windy day and showed excellent sportsmanship.

Thanks to the dads who goal umpired, the Clare High School students who umpired and the Mums and Dads who transported the students.

The day saw 80 - 90 footballers and an equal number of netballers participate in a popular format.

Thanks SAPSASA
BOOK WEEK ‘BOOK SHOP’

Brochures went home last week showing the selection of books in the Pegi Williams Book Shop we have on display in the Library. There are some great books to choose from!

Please pop in and have a look before next week. Every purchase earns commission and benefits our school.

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LEAVING HOME FOR THE SHOW?

**BRING A BAG OF FOOD TO FIGHT HUNGER**

LOOK FOR FOODBANK BINS AT THE SHOW GATES

PLEASE DONATE
- Tuna
- Canned Ham
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Soup
- Canned Spaghetti
- Pasta Sauce

FOLLOW US & DONATE ONLINE

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FIGHTING HUNGER IN AUSTRALIA

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2015 YEAR 6/7 TRIP TO CANBERRA

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding of $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.
Parents
Is your child passionate about horses? Do they spend their days doodling manes and tails and their nights dreaming of being part of the Pony Club series or the Olympic Equestrian Team??

Following the huge success of the RSPCA SA and Premier’s Reading Challenge “We Love Dogs” drawing competition to celebrate Animal month in May, RSPCA South Australia is excited to now be celebrating the magnificence of the horse with their “We Love Horses” artwork competition.

The competition is for all kids great and small up to the age of 16. They don’t need to be budding Van Gogh’s or Rembrandt’s – what we are after is capturing what the love of horses and ponies really means to them.

All details of how to enter are at http://www.rspcasa.org.au/we-love-horses/ and we have now extended the closing date to Monday 6th September!!

After being blown away by the entries in May, we really look forward to seeing some great examples of pony passion 😊

Do you want to help your child get a headstart with mathematics and numeracy and the Australian Curriculum?

Then come along to our parent session and find out more!

These sessions are designed to help you:
- gain an awareness of what Mathematics and Numeracy are
- gain an understanding of what the Australian Curriculum contains for Mathematics and Numeracy, and the breadth of what your child is required to be learning
- engage you in some mathematics learning designed to stimulate your own thinking about how you can help your child make a positive start to their learning journey with mathematics

WHERE: Education Development Centre, Wiluer Street, Hindmarsh
WHEN: 7:00-8:30pm
- Early Years Parent (Preschool and JP) - Monday 10th August
- Parents of Yr 3-5 children - Monday 31st August
- Parents of Yr 6/7 children - Monday 14th September
COST: $20 per head inc. GST, $15 per head inc GST if you have more than one parent from your site attend

Come and get some ideas about how to help your child make a positive start to their learning journey with mathematics and numeracy!

TO ENROL, please email primarymaths@bigpond.com or phone 81823288

Manoora Community Committee

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AGM

Wednesday 9th September 2015
7.30 pm
Venue: Manoora Centenary Park Clubrooms

Coffee and cake will be served at conclusion of the meeting

Please come and enjoy the evening and help your community move forward with your suggestions.

John deVries Chairman 88 484326