

Mundulla Primary School



GROW IN KNOWLEDGE

our school values:

excellence
respect
responsibility
integrity
co-operation
creativity

Newsletter 1

29th January 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Hello and welcome or welcome back to school for 2021. Everyone has settled in well after working out where their new classrooms are and who their teachers are. We kept students in the 4 classes for the whole of the first day and then began the 4 classes in the morning and 3 in the afternoon from Thursday. As a reminder, this means we have:



F/1 Class all day – Kathy Haynes

2/3 class in the morning and then from 12 on 2/3/4 – Sophie Ansell

4/5 class until 12 – Luke Wise, after 12:00 Luke continues his role as Art and Science specialist across the 3 classes.

6/7 class in the morning and then from 12:00 5/6/7 Monday – Wednesday Jess Wiese, Thursday -Friday – Amy Webb.

I will also be teaching in each of the 3 classes mainly Music/ Choir / Media and Digital Technology.

We welcome our new students Noah, Hamish, Jaxson, Jett, Harper, Penelope and Ava as Foundation students, and Esther and Kayden in year 6. We look forward to working with them and their families this year.

CALENDAR

1 – 5 Feb	Swimming Lessons
8 Feb	School Captain speeches & voting
9 Feb	House Captain voting
10 Feb	Student Action Team letters due
11 Feb	Parent Info Night
12 Feb	Hockey Clinics
16 Feb	7pm Annual General Meeting
6 Mar	Mundulla Show
8 Mar	Public Holiday
11 – 12 Mar	5/6/7 Noorla Yo Long
2 – 5 Apr	Easter
8 Apr	Combined School Sports Day at Mundulla
9 Apr	Last day of term 2.30pm dismissal

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Department for Education

We welcome back Suzanne Duff as our Pastoral Support Worker. Suzanne will be in the school on Wednesday and Friday each week and will be in classes and also support students through lunch time activities and being available for them. Suzanne has been appointed for 1 year. Please say hello when you see her in the school.

We also welcome Amy Webb to the school. Amy is teaching the year 6/7 class on Thursday and Friday.

Amy completed her degree last year while also working at Bunnings in Murray Bridge- she still does on some of the days she isn't here. She breaks up the journey to Mundulla by staying with her father in Tintinara- very handy! She went to school in Tintinara for primary school before moving to Murray Bridge. In her spare time she enjoys reading and watching Netflix. She's looking forward to teaching in her own class this year.



Bell Times: We have decided to modify our bell times slightly this year. Recess will return to 20 minutes running from 10:40 – 11 and lunch will add 5 minutes and go from 1- 1:50. It doesn't change the amount of time students are working in class, but gives them an opportunity to do more during the longer break after the 10 minute eating time. This will go into effect when the technician can come to make the changes. Bell times throughout the day will be:

9 am lessons start

10:40, Recess

11:00 lessons

1:00 lunch

1:50 lessons

3:30 end of day

School QR code: You may have heard that schools will be getting a QR code for people entering the grounds. We anticipate that this will be in place by week 3. We will put a QR code at the entrances to the school as well as in the front office and hope that you will scan the code when you come in to the grounds. It is an alternative to not being able to have any extra adults in the school, which I'm sure you will agree wasn't ideal. You can still drop your children and have them enter/ exit the school independently to save you scanning the code!

The next few weeks are very busy. We have swimming coming up next week. Expect some tired children (and adults) by the end of the week. There will be hockey clinics run at the school on Friday 12th February for students too.

For the older students in the school there are also School Captain speeches to be written and election of House Captains after that. Any students who would like to be a representative for their class on the SAT (Student Action Team) will need to have their application letters to their teachers by 10th February.

This year due to the changes of year 7 to High School in 2022, we will be having 2 School Captains from year 7 and 2 School Captains from year 6. These students will be supported by 2 Vice Captains who can be from year 6 or 7. This will give more students in their final year of Primary school the opportunity to be leaders.

Teachers are preparing their class brochures ready for a Parent Information night on the 11th February. More information about that will be sent home closer to the date!

We will also be holding the AGM of the school on the 16th February with election of our Governing Council also taking place then. Being on Governing Council is a good way to support the school and hear about what is happening across the school rather than in individual classes. Look out for the nomination form for governing Council and the different groups or committees you could be a part of which also supports the school and your children.

Trees Last year there was a tree audit carried out in the school. In the next few weeks we will be having someone to action the recommendations, so you may see some limbs or even trees being removed from the yard.

Connected Curriculum teachers have again planned out topics for the year. Each term we will have an overarching theme and learning will take place around that. This term our theme is The Treasure of the Tatiara. This will encompass History, Geography, Science and Health in particular, with other areas of the Australian Curriculum also being planned around the theme. Students will cover some family and local history, landmarks and impact of people on the district. I'm sure you will hear more about activities as they take place.

As I said at the start of this newsletter, a busy start to the term. Hopefully we will see you at some of the events planned.

Joann



Great to be Back at MPS

Hi, I am Suzanne Duff the Pastoral Care Worker at Mundulla Primary School this year. I am so excited to be back again. I was PCW at MPS in 2018 and 2019.

For those of you who I haven't met yet, I am local, having grown up in Mundulla and attended MPS for my primary schooling. I now live in Bordertown with my family and enjoy walking in nature, reading and time with family and friends.

I am here to provide social, emotional and spiritual support to students, staff and families. In the class time, I assist children with school engagement and emotional wellbeing. During lunchtimes, I talk with children while playing games, doing crafts and other activities that support their wellbeing, increase their skills and confidence and encourage positive behaviour.

I am looking forward to catching up with familiar faces and meeting new families. I am happy to talk with you about how I can support your child(ren).

I am at school Wednesdays and Fridays 9am to 2pm.

All the best for a wonderful year of friendships, learning and growing at Mundulla Primary School.

School & Community Notices

KIDS TIME OUT GAMES NIGHT

Friday 12th February 7 – 9pm
at Uniting Church Hall.
Bordertown

All children in year 2 – 7 are
welcome

Cost \$2 per child

Enquiries to: Ros & John Patterson
0429 405 570

creative
Kids after-school
program



BORDERTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY
3.45pm-4.45pm

Bookings essential
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Wednesday February 10
Wednesday February 24
Wednesday March 10
Wednesday March 24

School Lunch Menu

January 2021

Hot Food

Macaroni Cheese (GF) NEW	\$4.50
Hot Dog with or without sauce	\$5.50
Chicken & Gravy Roll	\$6.50
School Pizza(ham, cheese & pineapple)	\$3.25
Chicken Burger(lettuce, Tom, Cheese, low fat mayo)	\$6.50
Pie/Pasty	\$4.30
Sausage Roll	\$3.80
Mini Pie, Pasty, Sausage Roll	\$2.30
Sauce	.30

Sandwiches

Meat & Salad	\$7.00
Chick/ham/beef	
Meat and Salad Tub	\$5.50
Toasted ham and cheese Sandwich	\$5.50
Meat and Salad Wrap	\$7.50

Drinks

Nippy's Flavoured Milk	\$4.00
Big M 250ml Choc or Straw	\$2.50
Fruit Juice 250ml	\$2.50
Glee fruit drinks	\$2.50

Extras

Quelch Fruit Stick 99% Frozen Fruit Juice	\$1.00
Paddlepop	\$1.50
Banana ,Apple or Orange	\$1.00

MUNDULLA PRIMARY SCHOOL – Term 1, 2021

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	25 Jan	26 Jan Public Holiday	27 Jan	28 Jan	29 Jan	30 Jan	31 Jan
2	1 Feb Swimming Lessons	2 Feb	3 Feb	4 Feb	5 Feb	6 Feb	7 Feb
3	8 Feb School captain voting & speeches	9 Feb House Captain voting	10 Feb SAT letter due	11 Feb Parent Info Night	12 Feb Hockey Clinics	13 Feb	14 Feb
4	15 Feb	16 Feb 7pm AGM	17 Feb	18 Feb	19 Feb	20 Feb	21 Feb
5	22 Feb	23 Feb	24 Feb	25 Feb	26 Feb	27 Feb	28 Feb
6	1 Mar	2 Mar	3 Mar	4 Mar	5 Mar	6 Mar Mundull a Show	7 Mar
7	8 Mar Public Holiday	9 Mar	10 Mar	11 Mar	12 Mar	13 Mar	14 Mar
8	15 Mar	16 Mar	17 Mar	18 Mar	19 Mar	20 Mar	21 Mar
9	22 Mar	23 Mar	24 Mar	25 Mar	26 Mar	27 Mar	28 Mar
10	29 Mar	30 Mar	31 Mar	1 Apr	2 Apr Public Holiday	3 Apr	4 Apr Daylight Savings ends
11	5 Apr Public Holiday	6 Apr	7 Apr	8 Apr Sports Day	9 Apr Early Dismissal 2.30pm	10 Apr	11 Apr
Hols	12 Apr	13 Apr	14 Apr	15 Apr	16 Apr	17 Apr	18 Apr
	19 Apr	20 Apr	21 Apr	22 Apr	23 Apr	24 Apr	25 Apr

Mundulla Primary School Governing Council

invites parents to our **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Tuesday evening 16th February 2021
In Admin Building
7:00 pm

A synopsis of the Annual Report for Mundulla School 2020 and end of year committee reports will be tabled for discussion at this meeting. In accordance with our constitution, the Mundulla School Governing Council has 12 members comprising:

1 principal
1 staff representative
10 elected parents

Councillors retiring this year are:

Ashleigh Ciampa

Tim Leach

Tanya Morris

Daryl Nicholls

Nicole Mead

Councillors continuing for another year are:

Laura Excell

Jess Lowry

Adam Obst

Courtney Geary

Hayley Artz

A major focus of the meeting will be elections to fill **5 council vacancies** (5 X 2-year terms). We encourage all parents and members of our school community to consider being nominated for one of these 5 vacant positions. There is a nomination form attached. If you are interested and can't make the AGM, you can signify your willingness to take up a Council position by returning the form to the Principal prior to or at the meeting.

Council subcommittees will also be selected at the meeting. You do not have to be a member of Governing Council to be on Council committees, although an elected Councillor will chair the committees and act as liaison with the Governing Council as a whole.

Further information on Governing Councils can be found at
<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/sites-and-facilities/governing-councils>

What you do on Governing Council

- finance and budgets
- approve the annual budget
- propose constitutions
- attend meetings
- set up council committees and attend the meetings
- report to the Minister for Education and Child Development once a year
- report to the school community, once a year
- are involved in the selection of principals (by one person being on the panel)
- approve school closure/student free days
- help deal with possible complaints against a principal
- consult with the school community and make sure their views are represented.

What you monitor and review

- finance and budgets
- monitor budget and finances via the finance advisory committee
- property and maintenance
- plans, for example site improvement and self-review plans
- insurance and public liability status

Governing Council membership requirements

When you are a member of a governing council there are specific expectations of conduct. By being on a governing council, you agree to comply with the Mundulla Primary School Governing Council Code of Conduct.

You are expected to attend the Governing Council meetings held twice a term. An apology is required when you are unable to attend.

Your behaviour – your community

Your conduct will affect the relationship you have with your site's community.

- always act honestly and lawfully
- your main responsibility is to the site and the students/children
- you must declare any potential conflicts of interest
- don't take advantage of your position on the council
- never misuse information
- keep all information confidential, unless you've been authorised or are required by law to share it
- when there are disagreements, you might need to be a mediator and help resolve things.

You cannot be on a governing council or a school council if you have been:

- bankrupt*
- convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person.*

Governing Councillors will also need to meet relevant history screening requirements. If you do, you'll need to fulfil that before you can be a member of the council. If elected, you won't be considered a member until you have met the requirements. You'll only be an 'elected person'. You are also required to attend "Responding to Abuse and Neglect" training. Available online.

MUNDULLA PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL COUNCILLOR NOMINATION FORM (2 year term)

I, _____
(full name)

Of _____
(address)

am interested in nominating for membership on the Mundulla School Governing Council.

and hereby declare that:

- I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors
- I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person

I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any of the offences listed my membership of Mundulla Primary School Governing / School Council will cease.

Signed _____ Date _____

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MUNDULLA PRIMARY SCHOOL

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – SCHOOL COMMITTEE

You do not have to nominate to Governing Council to be a committee member (1 year term)

<p>_____ (name) I am interested in being on the following committee:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Advisory Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Mundulla Hall Committee Rep</p>	<p>_____ (name) I am interested in being on the following committee:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Advisory Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Mundulla Hall Committee Rep</p>
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