From the Principal

Finally we have examples of the sports shirts for Dunstan and Rogers.

You are able to order these shirts for $50 through the mobile app QKR. The closing date for orders is 30th November 2016 so that we may meet swimming and sport carnivals for early 2017.

Great to see them in a tangible form! Again thanks to Yanthe Wilson-Phillips for her Rogers design and Jessica Hudson for her Dunstan design!

With this newsletter every week we have the column which lists letters home and coming events. When forms need to be returned or payments made by a given time could we please endeavour to meet the timelines? Staff put a lot of effort to organise events such as camps and excursions with vendors requiring firm numbers and payment from the school in a timely fashion. It would be a pity to miss a camp or excursion or event for not having met a timeline.

This also works for students with closing dates for assessment pieces, staff give students due dates with enough time to complete a task during lesson time and homework. If students miss a timeline then their results will reflect the input. Be sure to negotiate any extensions due to ill-health and be aware there is always an endpoint.

Congratulations to both Renae Kretschmer and Matthew Stringer for their recent applications to the 2017 STAR Group Youth Leadership Camp. Renae was in competition with female students from across the state and
has joined the reserve participant list as she narrowly missed out against some great entries. Matthew has been selected to attend from amongst the male applicants and is one of twelve in the state to participate. Well done!

Jenny Stringer
Principal

Kindy and Rural Care

At kindy we are thinking about healthy eating using the “Eat a Rainbow” program. We learned that our tastebuds sometimes change their minds, so it’s good to keep trying different fruits and vegetables, even if you think you’re not going to like them. Last week we tasted red and yellow foods. Some children’s tastebuds changed their minds about cherry tomatoes! At meal times we are noticing all the different coloured fruits and vegetables the children bring to kindy. This week we will be tasting orange foods. Children can wear something orange to kindy if they would like to.

The fire season has begun and a brochure about bushfire safety is being distributed this week. We are a low risk bushfire site which means that on days of forecast catastrophic fire danger rating, our site will remain open but school buses and taxies will not operate within our Fire Ban District (Flinders). You may be interested in downloading the “Alert SA” app which offers real-time information and warnings, including bush fire information.

Our final total for funds raised for Bowel Cancer Australia at last week’s bike-a-thon was $1069.20.

Alison Arthur

on behalf of Shona, Cathie, Karen, Liz, Elfie and Vanessa

Primary School

The year 5/6 children had a successful camp to Moonta/ Wallaroo returning last Friday. A big thank you to Miss Spielhagen for organising and coordinating the camp, Michael Winen who attended as a
parent helper and the ever reliable Trish who drove the bus. They visited the Moonta Mines, Wallaroo Maritime Centre, Kadina Shed and also a visit to the coffee/gelato shop on the way home.

Today the R-6 students travelled to Orroroo for ‘It’s a mad world’ performance. Special thanks to Jenni Caldwell and Robbie for driving the bus.

Tamara Schmidt
Primary Leader

School News

5/6 Camp

On Wednesday 2nd November, the 5/6 students accompanied by Trish Hooper, Michael Winen and myself set of for our 3-day camp to Moonta and Wallaroo to learn about the Mining and Farming history of the Copper Triangle.

On the Wednesday, we stopped at Port Broughton for recess and stretched our legs at the playground. We ventured on to Kadina where we visited the Farm Shed. We were shown around by 3 very knowledgeable guides who explained the history of farming in the area. The adults and students were amazed at the size of the displays and the variety of items on show. We were able to see inside a Miner’s cottage, replica mines, tools, machinery, the school house and many other vintage items. After we finished our tour of The Farm shed we travelled on to Wallaroo where we checked in with Derek and Nicole, our hosts at CU@wallaroo. The students chose their rooms and we had afternoon tea and went for a walk down to the jetty. For dinner students were able to make their own pizzas in a real wood pizza oven. Everyone tried something new and there were smiles all around. Many screwed their noses up at the mention of Derek’s banana dessert pizza, but it was a massive hit and enjoyed by all.

On Thursday morning, we made our way to Moonta Mines where we took a train ride of the old mines and visited the railway museum. The weather was beautiful and sunny which meant we were able to visit the Moonta Bay beach in the afternoon. We spent a good part of our afternoon swimming in the shallows, exploring and playing in the sand. We returned to our accommodation to finish of the day with another delicious meal, and entertaining games after dinner before heading to bed.

On Friday morning, we packed up and said our goodbyes to Derek and Nicole. Before heading home, we had a couple more stops. We visited the
Wallaroo Maritime Museum, where the students were able to touch and interact with items such as a Morse Code machine, typewriters, pedal sewing machines and many more other items. After finishing at the museum, we made our way out to ‘The Coffee Barn’ where we had delicious handmade gelato. We were not limited for choice and it was very much enjoyed by all.

Thank you to Trish for driving the bus and Michael for giving up his time to be a chaperone and driving his vehicle. Without their support the camp would not have been possible. I greatly appreciate your time and effort, and thank you for making this camp yet another memorable adventure.

Marika Spielhagen
Teacher

Tag Rugby

Last week we had 2 Boys and 2 Girls Tag Rugby Teams travel to Jamestown to compete in the annual 8/9 Tag Rugby Carnival. Each year the carnival is hosted by the NRL South Australian affiliates and they do a fantastic job. In the days leading up to the carnival they travel to each school to provide training clinics, these clinics provide a great opportunity for our students’ to familiarise themselves with the sport.

In recent years this carnival has been one of the most popular MNSEC sporting events, this year was no exception with every MNSEC school participating and the welcome addition of Burra Community School. As always the competition is fierce, but the sportsmanship on the day was first class. It is excellent to see the friendships developed at events like this, not only within our own school but within the wider MNSEC community.

This year the weather turned it on with a picturesque day. All four teams were competitive throughout the day, but it is important to remember this carnival has a participation focus and it was excellent to see so many students’ representing our school. Billy Rutte was reluctant to attend the event, but to his credit he changed his mind and came along. More importantly he had a great day and scored a try in the first game of the day! Days like this provide an excellent opportunity for our students’ to achieve well, great work Billy. There are many other examples of this type of success, but too many to name.

Our girls’ team that came third was bitterly disappointed that they did not make the Grand Final, but they should be proud of their efforts. The other girls’ team were ecstatic to play off for fifth position, led by Minnesota the girls competed hard but fell just short. Our boys’ teams did well and were competitive all day in a challenging draw. We had one team go on to compete in the Grand Final, but were beaten by an impressive Burra team 2 – 0. They were slightly exhausted from playing overtime
to make the final. Henry Pole scored the winning try in that match, but there would be no argument that Barney was simply brilliant at times throughout the day scoring at will.

It was fantastic to have several Year 7s filling in for the day; they did not look out of place. Thanks Kodi Carey, Hunter Cheriton, Jaxon Kumnick and Leticia Sismey - without you we would have had 2 large teams instead of 4. Well done to Jack Bammann, Jessica Sard, Sarah Sard and Cooper Woolford, you all did a great job coaching and mentoring your teams. It was excellent having Kirby Chapman come along and help out on the day, she mentioned how impressed with the students’ she was throughout the day. A special thank you to Robbie Robertson who drove the bus for us, without him we would not have been able to compete.

The Super 8s Cricket Carnival is our next MNSEC sporting event and will be held at Gladstone on Thursday 14th December (Term 4, week 9). Once again well done to everyone who participated or helped out on the day, we may not have won the competition but the emphasis was on participation and we did that exceptionally well.

Alby Nicholls
PE Teacher

Errappa Camp 2016

On Monday the 24th of October the year 7’s from Booleroo Centre, Melrose, Wilmington and Wirrabara went to the Errappa Blue Light camp in Iron knob. The trip took 2 and a half hours on the bus, driven by Craig Roberts. For the first lunch we got to have steak hamburgers and chips before going the town hall to participate in some team building exercises and an egg challenge in which four groups made cradles so the egg wouldn’t break. The only survivor was the cradle made by Kodi, Jaxon, Ethan, Daniel. We later had lasagne and roasted marshmallows over the bonfire before playing a game of spotlight.

Tuesday began with breakfast and a room inspection at 9:00, neither girls nor boys won because they were both equally clean and beautiful (not messy at all...). This was followed by an orienteering course, which had four groups of students running around the town in search of letters to tell their team. The winning team contained: Eliza, Roma, Darcy, Anna, Adrian and Kodi. We then had a short break, followed by a lesson on how to use harnesses and how to stay safe on the high ropes. Afterwards we had some pizza for lunch and went outside to the high ropes. A few students were hesitant to participate in the activities as they were afraid of heights, but everyone was convinced to have a go because trying and failing is better than never trying and not knowing if you could have succeed. Later that night after tea we played a great game of laser tag, the green team triumphed both times.

Wednesday began with breakfast and an hour of free time before we began the day’s activities. Once we strapped on our harnesses we made our way to the leap of faith and the rock climbing wall. Everyone tried at least one of the activities although some people like Kodi, Jaxon and Leticia succeeded in both things. Almost everyone tried the leap of faith, which meant Mrs Clarke had to have a go! Most succeeded, but some people failed to catch with both hands or weren’t able to jump. After one more turn on the flying fox we packed up and left, for lunch we stopped in Port Augusta for lunch at McDonalds, KFC and Subway. We eventually arrived at Booleroo Centre at
around 2:30 pm. Overall we had a great time, making new friends and look forward to year 8 in 2017. Thank you to Mr Roberts for coming on camp to drive the bus and show us how it was done, by being first up on the high ropes course.

Written by the Year 7 Class

DECD Bus Students

Each year bus information is sent out to bus students with regard to DECD policy and procedures regarding bus travel and behaviour. Included with this information was an application for bus travel for 2017 which requires parental approval. This application form needs to be returned to the school front office. Can parents please ensure that these are returned as soon as possible? Travel is not permitted on a school bus if the form is not returned Thanks Lisa
2016 SCHOOL MAGAZINE ORDER FORM

Please complete the attached order form with payment and return to the school by 30th November 2016 to secure your copy. Magazines will then be distributed early 2017.

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The Noel Fairweather Scholarship was established to honour the memory of the late Noel Fairweather for his special interest in rural youth and his knowledge of the hardships that country students face when pursuing their academic career away from home.

The scholarship, valued at $2,000 is for students living in rural areas, who are completing their secondary education. The Scholarship was established to assist young people establishing themselves in a new environment as they begin their tertiary studies.

Applications (with 2 copies) can be directed to The Freemasons Foundation, 254 North Terrace, Adelaide, SA 5000, telephone 7231 1770. We enclose three application forms, further application forms can be found on our web-site www.masonic-foundation.asn.au under Scholarships.

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**Community News**

**Trading table for Variety Club**

There will be a “Christmas” themed trading table at the upcoming School Presentation night on the 12th December to fundraise for the Variety Club. This organisation generously gifted our school the Sunshine Bus and then upgraded it with seatbelts to suit the needs of the school. The Variety Club is an outstanding organisation which is very worthy of our spare change and support!! We are looking for any donations of home-baked goods or items that could be sold as gifts from individuals, families or businesses for the trading table. If you would like to contribute from your kitchen, please ensure your goods don't require refrigeration and are labelled with the ingredients you have used. Please send your goods to school with your children or drop into the office on Monday 12th and we will organise it from there. **Let us know if you can help by texting either Donna Hall (0400 326 262) or Caitlin Polden (0456 866 565), giving us an indication of what it is you plan to donate.** If you can't donate, please come to the Presentation Night prepared to generously support the Variety Club by either buying some yummy goods and/or dropping a monetary donation in the tub on the table. If you can't make the Presentation Night event and would still like to donate money, please forward this to the school. Thanks in advance! Donna & Caitlin.

**Booleroo Centre Swimming Pool**

The swimming pool will open on Monday the 14th November. Swimming pool rosters have been sent home to families with the relevant students from school. Each family is only given a few turns in the canteen, please swap if your rostered day does not suit you. Thanks from the Committee.