Murray Bridge High School

NEWSLETTER

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Excellence

Respect

Working together

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Principal's page

In our newsletter this week I introduce the Middle Years neighbourhoods as well as our Student Leaders for 2021. I am looking forward to collaborating with our vibrant team of Sahara Angove, Bevan Schutz, Eliza Davis and Nikcole Deionno and know they will represent the school with pride.

Babies keep coming! Congratulations to new staff member Nick Pearce and his wife Amy on the birth of Leo. We wish them all the best.

From time to time we have students who make inappropriate choices that impact on other students and staff. Keeping everyone safe is my highest priority and as such a zero tolerance for violence is strictly upheld. I encourage all students to use the wellbeing portal to book a time with one of the wellbeing leaders or talk to their neighbourhood leader to sort through issues and discuss restorative strategies.

The new roof on the gym is nearly complete, with partial access allowing music to move back into their dedicated space last week. This week the Entrepreneurial Hub and refurbished Art rooms will be handed back to the school. From the photo below you can see the middle school is progressing well and on track for 2022.

I invite all parents/caregivers and interested community members to join me for our first Governing Council meeting for 2021, which will be held in our new Entrepreneurial Hub on Tuesday February 23rd at 6pm. Business includes endorsing the school budget and Site Improvement Plan after a short AGM. Please support us to create the best opportunities for your young people.

Ruth

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Entrepreneurial Specialist School and Music Focus School

Middle Years at Murray Bridge High School

4 Neighbourhoods
Kungari, No:ri, Pondi, Wirakuthi

4 Sports Houses
Murray, Barker, Hindmarsh, Sturt

Kungari

The word Kungari means Black Swan in the local Ngarrindjeri language. Kungari is one of the most recognisable ngatji (totems) in the Ngarrindjeri community. The Kungari name has been suggested by our local Ngarrindjeri Aborignal Elders who are highly respected men and women within the local Ngarrindjeri community. The Kungari represents the Ngarrindjeri Nation and its people and is one of the most prominent ngati's to the Ngarrindjeri people.

Jared Daly

Classes in the Kungari neighbourhood include:
8V (Nikita Hein) 8B (Sam Kewen) 9XW (Andrew Walkley 9Y (Aaron Noske)

Kungari Neighbourhood Leader: Jared Daly Jared.Daly272@schools.sa.edu.au

No:ri

The word No:ri means Pelican in the local Ngarrindjeri language. The No:ri name has been suggested by Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Elders who are highly respected men and women within the local Ngarrindjeri community. No:ri is an animal with cultural importance to the Ngarrindjeri Nation and its people. The No:ri dreaming teaches us to respect and protect our ngatji (totem) as they do the same for us.

Tania Mc Fee

Classes in the No:ri neighbourhood include:
8R (Danika Mortimer) 8O (Lachlan Stimson) 9XP (Helen Peake) 9R (Ally Braun)

No:ri Neighbourhood Leader: Tania Mc Fee tania.mcfee724@schools.sa.edu.au

Pondi

The word Pondi means Murray Cod in the local Ngarrindjeri language. Naming our neighbourhood after Pondi was suggested by the Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Elders because of the significance of Pondi in the Ngarrindjeri dreaming. In this dreaming the ancestral hero Ngurunderi hunts Pondi, creating the width of the river with sweeps of the tale as Pondi flees. Upon hunting Pondi, Ngurunderi throws pieces of the cod back into the water, naming them for the fish they would become; golden perch, bony bream, silver perch and so on. When he finished he threw the remainder back and said, '*You keep on being pondi*'. The Pondi dreaming teaches us about how our waterways were created, one of the most important resources to the Ngarrindjeri people.

Nikita Hein

Classes in the Pondi neighbourhood include:
8XW (Shana Weston) 8G (Brendan Watts) 9O (Paul Geiger) 9G (Cathy Schiller)

Pondi Neighbourhood Leader: Nikita Hein Nikita.Hein523@schools.sa.edu.au

Wirakuthi

The word Wirakuthi means Frilled Neck Lizard in the local Ngarrindjeri language. The Wirakuthi name has been suggested by Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Elders who are highly respected men and women within the local Ngarrindjeri community. Wirakuthi is an animal with cultural importance to the Ngarrindjeri Nation and its people. The Wirakuthi is one of the few Ngarrindjeri ngatji that are land animals and teaches us to respect and protect our ruwi (land) and the animals within it.

Ty Burkett

Classes in the Wirkuthi neighbourhood include:
8XS (Michael Stratfold) 8Y (Steve Wheatland) 9B (Jack Daly) 9V (Gilbert Tuazon)

Wirakuthi Neighbourhood Leader: Ty Burkett ty.burkett40@schools.sa.edu.au

Introducing our Student Leaders for 2021 – we welcome…

Eliza Davis Sahara Angove Bevan Schutz Nikcole Deionno

Sahara

Moving around a lot as a child has taught me many things, in particular the value of community, and friendship. As prefect I hope to encourage these values and am excited to assist in making positive developments within Murray Bridge High School. Leadership is something that I have always been passionate about, so being given the opportunity to be a part of this team is something I am very proud of. I am extremely honoured to be able to complete my final year of schooling at MBHS standing alongside my fellow prefects.

Nikcole

Ever since I was a little girl I've wanted to make a difference in the world. I was always told to not let the world change my heart but to change the world's heart instead. I feel incredibly blessed to have the opportunity to be prefect which prompts me to have the ability to create change. I'm looking forward to growing throughout this year and to be a part of our school's development. We've recently come out of an incredibly challenging and restrictive year and I believe that this year will be unrestricted not only for regulations but also for our school's development from education facilities, rebranding the school and even school events. I feel extremely blessed to be a part of paving a new way for our school and our community. I can't wait to see all of the great things that will be accomplished this year. *"Each one of us can make a difference. Together we can make a change."* - Barbara Mikulski

Eliza

4 years ago I began high school: nerdy, conflicted, and a bundle of nerves. Today I am just as nerdy, even more conflicted, and far too stressed to worry. Actually, we all know that's not true. However what I do know for certain is that I am incredibly honoured to have been elected prefect by my peers, and to stand alongside Sahara, Bevan, and Nikcole. This year I hope to make the most of every opportunity, develop my creative and leadership skills, and generally just get my life together.

Bevan

I've been running for student leadership for as long as I can remember. I've always cared for those I call mates and I've always tried to do right by them which is why I decided to run for student leadership. I am ecstatic to now be a Prefect at Murray Bridge High School alongside Eliza, Sahara and Nikcole. I hope that I am deserving of such a title, and am able to help the school in as many ways as possible while also giving my mates an excellent year. Some improvements will include ensuring that every student reaches their best potential in academics. Helping rebrand the school successfully, aiding with various school events and of course making this year enjoyable for everyone. I am looking forward to seeing what changes can be made and how much better Murray Bridge High School can become. Lastly, I hope others will enjoy this year and live it well, in the words of Mae West - *"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough."*

Year 12 Kayaking

by Josh Coulter

Throughout the first five weeks of this term, our Year 12 PE students will be completing their AT 2: Improvement Analysis task, which is worth 40% of their overall grade. This task is designed to collect, analyse and evaluate data in relation to their kayaking skills. The students are required to perform a series of kayaking skills, collect video footage, use feedback and personal reflections to design strategies to improve their overall performance.

Governor's Leadership Foundation

by Tiahne Rowe

During 2020, I was fortunate enough to receive a scholarship from the Department for Education to participate in the Governor's Leadership Foundation (GLF) Program at the Leaders Institute of South Australia. Over the past 12 months I have been able to learn about Adaptive Leadership, in a year that required a LOT of adapting!

Throughout the program we heard stories from some outstanding South Australians and experienced the positive impact leaders can have on our community.

It truly was a life changing experience. One of the most memorable sessions was hearing from the His Excellency, the Honorable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia and learning about how in the most challenging of times he displayed exceptional leadership. It was an honor to receive a certificate from him at our Graduation Ceremony last week.

I would like to thank Ruth Mussger and Stan Hagias for supporting my application to be part of this program. I look forward to continuing making impact in the Murray Bridge community through our work as an Entrepreneurial Specialist School.

2021 Drumline and Vocal Workshop by Sean Hickey

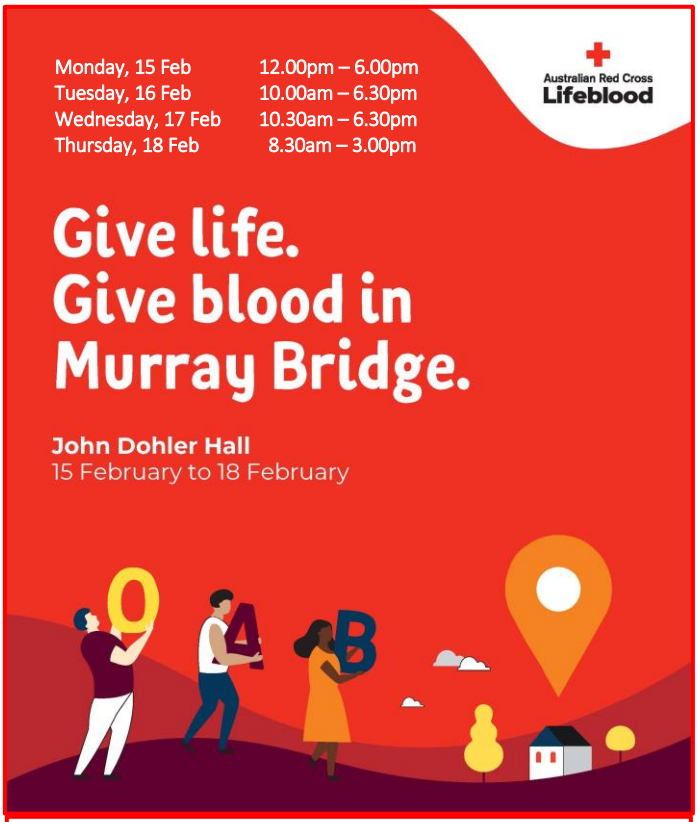
To kick off our Drumline ensemble and Vocal Ensemble for 2021 we will be holding a workshop for students to come and get an experience of what these school ensembles are all about. These workshops and ensembles are open to all Murray Bridge High School students with a passion for drumming and singing as an extra curricula activity, with performance opportunities and access to excursions and special guest artists. Both of these ensemble contribute to the school and wider community through music and is a great way to get involved with music at Murray Bridge High School.

To register your interest please go to http://bit.do/MBHSMusic2021 and select which workshop you would like to attend. All workshops will take place in MUS1 in the Music Suite.

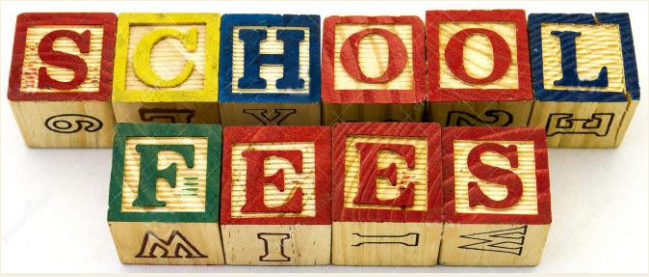
- Drumline Workshop with Mr Paul Angas, Week 5- Tuesday 23 Feb, Lesson 5 (1:35pm)
- Vocal Workshop with Mrs Peta Davis, Week 5- Wednesday 24 Feb, Lesson 5 (1.35pm)

TERM 1 CALENDAR 2021

Tue, 16 Feb	Finance Committee Meeting-5pm
Mon/Tue, 22/23 Feb	Year 12 Aquatics
Tue, 23 Feb	Governing Council AGM – 6pm
Wed, 24 Feb	Year 11 Rock Climbing
Thu, 25 Feb	Public Art Project Launch Industry Sprint Day/Evening
Mon, 1 Mar	Year 8 and 10 Immunisations
Fri, 5 Mar	SPORTS DAY
Mon, 8 Mar	ADELAIDE CUP HOLIDAY
Thu, 11 Mar	Year 11/12 Festival of Fringe
Fri, 19 Mar	SENIOR FORMAL
Tue, 23 Mar	Finance Committee Meeting – 5pm
Sun-Mon, 28-29 Mar	Careers Expo Adelaide
Tue, 30 Mar	Governing Council – 6pm
Wed, 31 Mar	SACE Art Show
Fri, 2 Apr	EASTER FRIDAY
Mon, 5 Apr	EASTER MONDAY
Wed, 7 Apr	Year 10 Mt Crawford Walk
Fri, 9 Apr	Last day of Term 1 – 2pm dismissal



We're rolling into town from 15th February to 18th February. Don't forget to pre-book your spot at donateblood.com.au, on our app or on 13 14 95.



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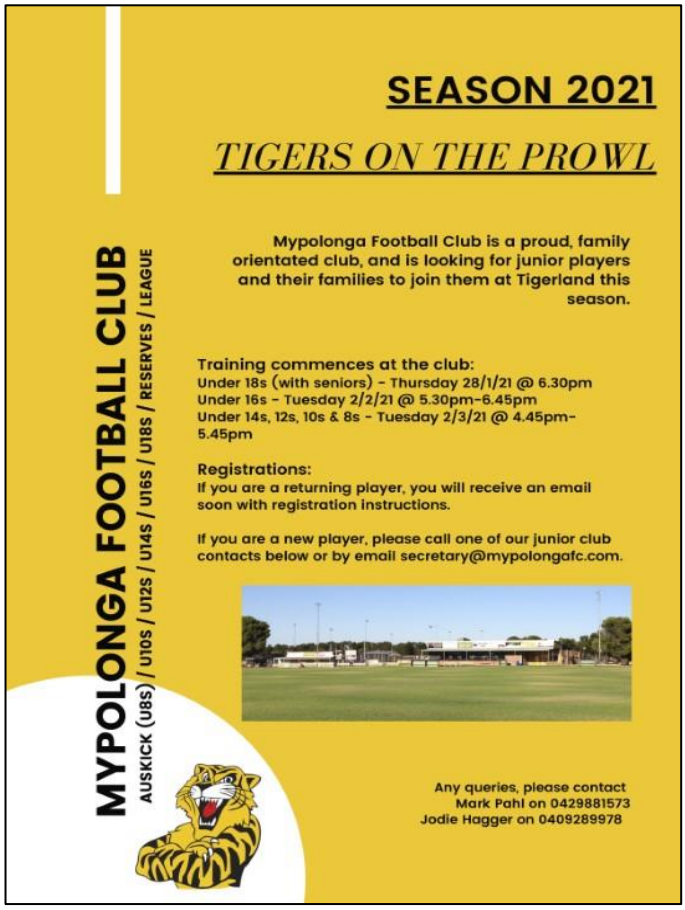
2021 MATERIALS AND SERVICE CHARGE

The 2021 Materials and Service Charge is due to be paid in full by Friday 9th April 2021, unless you have made a formal payment arrangement with Deb Lang.

If you think you are eligible for School Card, it needs to be applied for every year at each school you have a student attending.

Applications can be made on-line at:
sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard
or a form can be obtained from the school.

If you have any questions, please contact Deb Lang on 8531 9512.