



PALAI NAMAWI - THE FUTURE IS OURS

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'We acknowledge and pay respect to the past, present and future Ngarrindjeri Custodians and Elders and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Ancestors have walked this country and we acknowledge their special and unique place in our nation's historical, cultural and linguistic identity.'

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Murray Bridge High School NEWSLETTER

From the Principal

Dear families,

I would love to start with a good news story hot off the press! Last Thursday it was announced that student Jessica Deane has won a National competition – **Pens against Poverty**, in the category of Year 9/10 Poetry. The judges said her piece was a ‘powerful portrait of a young woman in poverty, that doesn’t waste a word’. We will feature Jessica’s poem and award in the next newsletter.

The Department for Education is working with SA Health to address the concerns about the lower than state average Covid-19 immunisations in Murray Bridge. At the end of last week we were made aware that we will be hosting a vaccination clinic for students and families on this Wednesday Nov 3, with future days made available if demand warrants. Immunisation consent forms have now been sent home with students, along with information for families who can also get vaccinated at MBHS. Extra copies will be available at the SSO. I strongly encourage you to consider vaccination as the best protection you can give your family before the borders reopen. I also understand that it is a decision that families will make together, and I can categorically state that only students with parental consent will be allowed to participate, exactly the same as all other school based immunisations

Our improvement planning work continues and I thank the many who have contributed to the parent survey. We use the information collated and known trends to inform next year’s goals. It is just as important to talk about the things that you believe are working and need to remain a priority, as things you would like to see changed. The closing date is Nov 19, and the reminder link was sent to you in an email last week.

This week I am showcasing the work of Year 9 artist Kurt Bustamante, who has painted this eye-catching piece, labelled ‘Boy at the Beach’. Kurt tells me he has tried to capture the happy memories of a family holiday at the beach. He took a photo of his friend who was gazing out to sea having deep thoughts. The beautiful setting inspired Kurt to try recreating the landscape on canvas using acrylic paints. It took him 6 months on and off and the painting changed incredibly throughout that time. Congratulations Kurt on a stunning piece of artwork that evokes for all warm memories of sharing time with family and friends.



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Urrbrae Agricultural Careers Expo

by Ally Braun

Agriculture students attended the Urrbrae Agricultural Careers Expo having the opportunity to talk to industry partners and sponsors who participated in the expo, which was held at Urrbrae Agricultural High School. Exhibitors displayed the diversity of tertiary and trade careers and job opportunities available in SA. The evening included a careers panel, with speakers discussing global food security, ag technology and innovation, and providing tips for successful job seeking.



Murray Bridge Show by Ally Braun

It was an exciting time leading up to the Murray Bridge Show as Ag students were finally able to demonstrate their showmanship skills to the public by presenting in the Merino Sheep and Dairy Competition.

The Dairy students had an early morning start washing, drying and grooming their cattle ready for the show ring. Students did a wonderful job working as a team preparing the cattle and keeping the stalls clean, interacting with breeders and the public. It was a successful day with most handlers coming away with ribbons. A big thank you to the Afford Family from Billabong Farm for supplying 5 heifers for students to work with this year.



The Merino Sheep team enjoyed the opportunity to show off their handling skills. They also had the opportunity to participate in Junior Judging and develop their fleece judging knowledge. Junior Judging consists of students being able to look at values and visually assess the sheep that they have been presented with and placing them from first through to fourth. The sheep team did an excellent job representing Murray Bridge High School whilst developing their sheep knowledge. A big thank you to Steve & Brett Koehler from Radnor Stud for providing the merino wethers.





Year 10 Open Girls Netball Mellen Cup

On Wednesday 13th October, the Year 10 and Open girls netball teams from Murray Bridge High School played netball against Unity College as part of the Mellen Cup.

The 2 teams travelled to Unity and were coached by Tania Mc Fee.

The Year 10 team consisted of Sohie Edwards, Mackenzie Lindner, Hannah Mc Fee, Scarlett Cocks, Bella Cameron, Shania Modra, Taylor Bailey, Mia Duncan, Peyton Allen and Adela Chewings. The girls played with awesome spirit and displayed some excellent passages of netball. However, the Unity team were too strong and won by 20 goals.



The senior team included Mia Parker, Chloe Pahl, Melodee Barton Ancliffe, Abbey Lehmann, Caitlin Schubert, Leah Rose Anderson and Rebecca Williss. Despite the girls being light on for numbers they played with great spirit and determination. Unfortunately they lost convincingly.

All girls were excellent ambassadors for Murray Bridge High School displaying respect and good sportsmanship.



Chess State Finals 2021 by Ross Grocock

On Monday 25th October a changing of the guard occurred as a new team went to the State Finals. Only Logain Brannen and Jarred Critchley had been before with Logain reaching his individual goal for the day of 5 wins in a tough field of competitors. Jarred achieved an outstanding result of 4 points out of a possible 9. The two players competing in their first inter school tournament were Tristan Krockenberger who finished with 5.5 points and James Matthews who finished with 3. The highly successful Year 12s who have formed the backbone of the team for the last 5 years elected to prioritise their exam preparation and we wish them all the best with their endeavours. The new team exceeded expectations and should be proud of themselves as both Jeff McKeown and I are.



SAASTA Connect Power Cup by Nick Pearce

On Wednesday 27 October, our South Australian Aboriginal Sports and Training Academy (SAASTA) Connect students were lucky enough to participate in the SAASTA Power Cup held at Alberton Oval in Adelaide. The Power Cup is hosted by the Port Adelaide Football Club and is a day where schools/academies from all over the state involved with SAASTA meet and celebrate the student's success in their schooling for 2021.

The day comprised of a 9-a-side football carnival, along with a mural activity session and a health and career expo. Our school teamed up with Mt. Barker High School to make a football team for both the girls team and the boys team. The day was successful with both the boys and girls team finishing the carnival with 3 wins and 1 loss. It was fantastic to see our students fully engaged and participating in all the activities. Overall, it was an extremely rewarding day for the students which they deserved for all their good work throughout the year.




**MURRAY BRIDGE
HIGH SCHOOL**
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Sounds at the Shell

LIVE MUSIC // ENTREPRENEURIAL STALLS

Wednesday 10 November 2021
2:30 pm - 4 pm

Edwards Square Murray Bridge

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Proceeds will be supporting Beyond Blue

This event is proudly supported by






LOST PROPERTY

There is a lot of clothing and articles in the Lost Property box including school jackets, t-shirts and other miscellaneous items.

If you have lost any of these items please go to the SSO to collect before the end of term.

QR CODE CHECK-IN

We appreciate your cooperation in complying with directions from the Department for Education by completing the QR Code check-in when you enter school grounds. As advised last week face mask use for staff and students is optional. It's recommended that parents and other visiting adults wear masks when entering school or preschool buildings.



Flexible Industry Pathways by Mel Bennett

It is not too late for your child to apply for a VET course at Murray Bridge High School, but time is running out! We offer a wide range of courses including:

- Construction Pathways
- Hospitality
- Engineering
- Animal Studies
- Electrotechnology
- Agriculture
- Automotive
- Children's Services
- Individual Support (Aged Care/Disability)
- Screen and Media
- Salon Assistant

All of these courses provide a pathway to industry for students, and will include practical and theory components, work placement as well as a variety of industry immersion sessions. We have great links with local industry and a large number of students who have undertaken one of these courses have been successful in gaining a school based or full time apprenticeship and traineeship.

If you would like more information about these please contact me on melanie.bennett74@schools.sa.edu.au. Students can also email me or come and see me at the Trade Training Centre. Final numbers will be needed by Friday Week 4!

Year 10 English Excursion by Megan Revell

On Thursday 21st of October, 10XW visited the three inspiring locations in the centre of Adelaide as part of our descriptive writing assignment for English. First, we visited Adelaide Gaol, where we were fortunate enough to be given a tour by a former guard who was full of fascinating, terrifying and hilarious stories of gaol life. Amongst the highlights were tales of attempted escapes, hauntings and prisoner antics. We used all of our senses as we climbed well worn prison stairs, stood in cells and tried on historical handcuffs.

Next, we visited the beautiful Mortlock Room of the State Library where we inspected interesting artefacts in their displays and climbed the stairs and looked around the historic building. We walked around, talking in hushed tones, wondering if we could one day use this beautiful space for studying, like many were.

Finally, a little short on time, we walked through the South Australian Museum. Many of us spent our time admiring the mineral and meteorite collection, the opalised fossils from ancient seas and the Egypt room. Some of us even managed to crawl through the tunnel to join the sealife in the South Australian Biodiversity Gallery.

After taking many photos and notes, we returned from our trip inspired to create engaging descriptive writing.



Bunyips are set to conquer the Freight

by Fiona Rabone

Exciting times ahead for the Bunyips, with the launch of the brand new game Freight Frenzy.

This game has everything - things that spin, things that wobble, things to pick up, things to put down, and best of all, a duck! [Watch this](#) to learn about the new game.

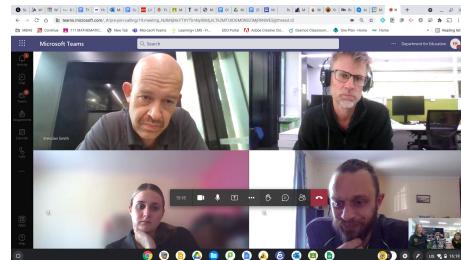


This cargo-carrying race against time offers many ways to compete and is challenging our team like no other, requiring teams to design, build and code a robot to carry boxes, spin ducks and balance shipping hubs. We plan to use our wide variety of skills obtained from the last three years to master this, and our new secret weapon. We are proud to announce that **our robotics team is working with engineering and technical professionals from Micro-X** (<https://micro-x.com/>) who graciously volunteer their time and expertise to help us rapidly develop our skills in building, coding and writing our engineering notebook.

Our 'Micro-Xperts' are based in Adelaide, so weekly video meetings have been scheduled to allow us to share ideas, suggest improvements and solutions to any roadblocks encountered.

They are (clockwise from top left):

- Brendan Smith, Senior Mechanical Eng,
- Louis Debling, Senior Mech Design,
- Peter Cook, Software Support, and
- Emily Hawke, Graduate Engineer.



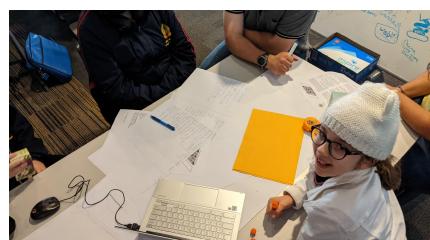
We are thankful to the Student Robotics Club of South Australia (RoboRoos) for brokering this partnership with Micro-X which is set to allow the Bunyips to reach new heights for this season's upcoming events. We are also grateful to Bevan S, founding Bunyips member and past-Captain, who produced a video in his Year 12 Media Arts subject, for club outreach activities. [Watch this to learn more](#) about the kind of things that happen at robotics events.

At the **South Australian FTC Qualifier**, on **Saturday December 4th**, the Bunyips will get to compete in an alliance format against other teams. Each team arrives with a robot, built to meet specific rules, but designed, engineered and programmed differently. The competition itself involves robot inspections, judges' interviews, drivers meeting, practice time, qualification matches, alliance selection, and the elimination finals. If we're lucky enough, we could win an award, be part of the winning alliance or be invited to progress to the Nationals!

Before this, the Bunyips will be meeting other teams in the region for **Science Alive** on **Saturday November 20th** to get prepared for the SA Qualifier. We'll have the opportunity to collaborate and brainstorm with the Roboroos and other South Australian robotics teams to test, refine and practice operating competition robots on a full FTC competition field.



As always, **the Bunyips are welcoming any interested students** and potential new club members to join us at either of these events on a first in basis (spaces limited). **Now is the perfect time to get involved**, as the club explores new avenues on robot development and building.



Come join the
Robotics Club!

Come join the Robotics Club
**it's the start of a new
season!** Enjoy designing,
building, coding and driving
robots, and have a chance to
join in with fun activities!

Ask Ms Rabone for more details



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If you're looking to join in on the fun and learn all new skills, there's absolutely no experience required. If you're interested in having a go just drop in to HG.0 and say hi or send an email to Ms Rabone at frabone@mbhs.sa.edu.au.



Aboriginal Learning on Country School-based conservation traineeships 2022 Monarto Safari Park

Come and Try session:

- **10.30am – 12.30pm on Wednesday 3 November 2021** (meet at the Main Entrance)
- Hear and learn from our current ALoC trainees and Monarto Safari Park's Senior Indigenous Conservation Officer
- Undertake bush food planting and other conservation work
- Learn about the next steps to apply

Traineeship description:

Trainees will undertake accredited training over 2 years to complete a Certificate III in Conservation & Eco-systems Management while gaining hands on experience helping to deliver conservation and eco-system management and other projects at Monarto Safari Park.

Conservation and eco-system management work at Monarto Safari Park and nearby areas involves:

- Revegetation and bush restoration work
- Protecting native plant and animal species
- Pest animal and weed management
- Bush food garden management, harvesting and processing
- Cultural heritage management and interpretation of Aboriginal culture
- Working with a range of safari park teams to connect people with nature and save species from extinction

Trainees will need to demonstrate the following personal attributes in their application:

- Identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- An interest in conservation
- The desire to train and work outdoors
- The ability to work as part of a team
- The ability to take responsibility for personal work and training goals

To apply for the traineeship:

Further details will be provided at the Come and Try Session.

To book into the Come and Try session and for further information about this traineeship contact:

Robyn Bishop
Aboriginal Learning on Country Coordinator, Monarto Safari Park
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COVID-19 VACCINATION



Youth COVID-19 Vaccination Program

Information for parents, caregivers and students

Vaccination against COVID-19 is the most effective way to reduce severe illness, hospitalisation and death from infection. As part of the national COVID-19 vaccination rollout, from September 2021, all children 12 years of age and older are eligible to receive vaccination against COVID-19.

COVID-19 infection and adolescents

COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) can be a serious illness for anyone who gets it, including people who are young, fit and otherwise healthy. As with other respiratory illnesses, some people infected with coronavirus disease may experience mild symptoms and will recover easily, and in others it can cause very serious disease, long term health issues, and death.

New variants or strains of the COVID-19 virus can spread more easily across all age groups and can increase the risk of developing COVID-19. Australia, like many other countries across the world, has seen higher numbers of adolescents and children becoming infected, particularly from the Delta variant. Adolescents and adults now have similar rates of infection.

COVID-19 vaccination and children/adolescents

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has approved the use of the Comirnaty™ (Pfizer) and Spikevax™ (Moderna) mRNA COVID-19 vaccines from the age of 12 years of age and above. The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) has reviewed available information on the safety and efficacy of both these vaccines in children aged 12 years and above, as well as the risk of getting infected COVID-19 in this age group, and evidence of wider benefits and risks of vaccinating children; and it is recommending offering COVID-19 vaccine to all children in this age group.

There is growing evidence that vaccinated people are less infectious if they do catch COVID-19, which means getting vaccinated is the best way you can protect yourself, your loved ones and the community.

The Comirnaty™ (Pfizer) COVID-19 vaccine

Comirnaty (Pfizer Australia Pty Ltd) is a vaccine that can prevent people from becoming ill from COVID-19. Comirnaty does not contain any live virus, and it cannot give you COVID-19. It contains the genetic code for an important part of the COVID-19 virus called the spike protein. After getting the vaccine, your body makes copies of the spike protein. Your immune system will then learn to recognise and fight the COVID-19 virus. The genetic code is then broken down quickly by the body.

More information on the Comirnaty vaccine is available on the Department of Health website.

Search: [About the Pfizer \(Comirnaty\) COVID-19 vaccine](#)

Benefits of the vaccine

People who have had two doses of Comirnaty are about 95 per cent less likely to get symptoms of COVID-19 than people who did not get the vaccine. Protection against COVID-19 starts from about 2–3 weeks after the first dose. While one dose may give some protection, it may not be long lasting. Two doses will give optimal protection. No vaccine is 100% effective, so it is possible that you can still get sick from COVID-19 after vaccination.

Even if you have been vaccinated with two doses of Comirnaty, you should still get a COVID-19 test if you have symptoms (e.g. fever, cough, sore throat).

COVIDVACCINE.SA.GOV.AU

**RMCLHN
Careers Expo**

WHEN: Tuesday 2 November 10:00am–2:30pm

WHERE: Flinders University Rural Health, Murray Bridge (access via Murray Bridge Hospital carpark)

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 Tuesday 16 November 10:00am – 6:30pm
 Wednesday 17 November 10:00am – 6:30pm
 Thursday 18 November 8:30am – 3:00pm

give blood

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Women and Girls of All Ages

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