

Term 1: Issue 3
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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.'

Excellence

Respect

Working together



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Department for Education

Murray Bridge High School NEWSLETTER

Principal's page

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I was very happy to see the students interact with guests, providing such a good snapshot of learning in this new environment. The Minister was very keen to see and hear how our Year 7 and 8 cohort had acclimated to high school, and was very impressed with the student responses.

An opening such as this doesn't happen by accident, and the 'behind the scenes' event management was very capably organised by student Bailey Cooper. Bailey had oversight of every element of the opening, while leaders Choo-Lee Long and Kirrily Martin provided guidance to staff and students in preparation for the tours.

It was very much a group effort to combine the Welcome to Country with a very moving smoking ceremony by a team of Aboriginal staff and students. The explanation of why smoking ceremonies occur was described by Robert Coyne Beck and gave the audience a really good understanding of the significance and importance to our local Ngarrindjeri people.

Once again our concert band musicians and singers wowed the audience with several upbeat numbers, and continued to provide background music while guests mingled in the large downstairs area named Yunurumi, a Ngarrindjeri word for meeting place. Year 11 Home Ec students were charged with planning and preparing an afternoon tea that could meet ever-changing Covid regulations and they provided gorgeous individual boxes of delicious treats for all. Year 7 students under the guidance of teacher David Berresford created unique MBHS logo embossed planter boxes that housed an array of beautiful native flowers. As you can see, the event really was a coming together of skills and energy, and I am so proud of everyone for displaying such a positive and warm experience for our guests.

Later on Tuesday night the AGM of the Governing Council took place and we farewelled two long standing office bearers. Cathy Smith has carried out her chairperson duties over 7 years with attention to detail and good humour. The financial expertise Yvonne Mach brought to the council over her 9 years in office and 7 as treasurer, was always exemplary and measured. Both had the best interests of Murray Bridge High School very much at heart and will be missed. We were able to appoint and congratulate new chairperson Darren Lovell, but unfortunately a lack of parent numbers meant we didn't have a quorum for further business. I invite anyone interested in joining to make contact, we ask little, just attendance at seven meetings over the rest of the year and a willingness to contribute to discussions about ongoing school improvement that will turn our good school into a great school. Please give it some thought, no experience necessary!



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Meet the Murray Bridge High School Team for 2022

Executive Team



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Principal



Paula Haesy
Deputy Principal



Chris Braun
AP wellbeing



Penny Conway
AP Student Support



Kirrily Martin
AP Middle Years



Roxanne Rowland
AP Entrepreneurial



Bryce Gillett
Business Leader

Learning Area Leaders



Mel Bennett
VET



Lyndsee Frost
AB Ed



Choo-Lee Long
The Arts



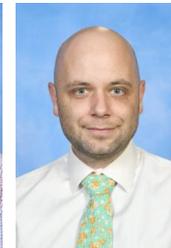
Sarah Stephensen
Healthy Lifestyles



Michael Stratfold
STEM



Paul Van Deth
Global Perspectives



Ben Young
Special Options



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IEC Manager

Student Pathways and Neighbourhood Leaders



Ty Burkett
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Middle Years
Kungari



Tani McFee
Middle Years
No:ri



Nikita Hein
Middle Years
Pondi



Jack Daly
Senior Years
Year 10



Aaron Pratt
Senior Years
Year 11



Kara McLaren
Senior Years
Year 12

Student Wellbeing Leaders



Louis DeMichele



Leah Waye



Opening of the new Sturt building

After three and a half years of planning the Sturt Building was officially opened on Tuesday March 1st. Principal Ruth Mussger congratulated Cox Architects for their inspiring vision and design, and Sarah Construction for the meticulous attention to detail during the build. The Sturt building was part of \$20 million Capital Works Project that also included a new Technology Studies Workshop, Entrepreneurial Learning Centre and a refurbishment of the Art Suites.

The Sturt building is designed as a contemporary learning space for Year 7 and 8 students with generous breakout spaces and purpose built collaborative areas, as well as Aboriginal Education, Special Education and an Inclusive Education Centre.

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Year 11 Food and Hospitality by Helen Richards and Ella Janes

Our Year 11 Food and Hospitality students have begun the year strong and straight into their first task, 'The Art of Plating'. The students task was to conduct research in relation to current trends in plating and then decide on a dish they would like to plate. Students used a range of resources to get inspiration from and supported one another to develop various plating skills.



Year 10 'Intro to Auto' by Melanie Bennett

A group of year 10 students had the opportunity to participate in a career immersion activity "Intro to Auto" at the Trade Training Centre presented by MTA. Students were introduced to the automotive industry by finding out the different careers that exist within the industry and what skills are required.

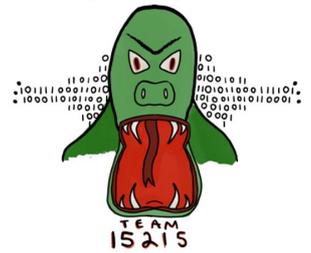
Students used VR goggles to practice spray painting a car, and quickly realised it was not as easy as they thought! This activity started a competition among the students who were keen to have another go to improve their painting skills and as a result their score. The other activity provided students with some basic car maintenance skills. Andy from MTA explained to the students what they should look out for when buying their first car, and also showed them how to change a tyre, check the oil and coolant. The students were very enthusiastic about the tyre changing challenge and worked together in small groups to ensure it was changed efficiently and safely.

This career immersion activity will count towards the Department for Education's World of Work challenge that supports student pathways. More immersion activities will be happening throughout the year in a wide range of industries. If year 10 students are considering undertaking a VET course next year, these immersion activities will give them an understanding of what the industry is like and will help with their VET application.



Robots, our students and the future by Fiona Rabone

Murray Bridge Bunyips



As a school community our main job is to prepare and equip students at MHBS for the future. We do this by providing opportunities that can support them to “become successful learners, confident and creative individuals, and active and informed citizens”; a goal of the 2008 [Melbourne Declaration](#) on Educational Goals for Young Australians. The tricky part - there isn’t a crystal ball that can tell us exactly what skills will and what won’t be needed by our students to remain competitive through ‘skill shifts’ over their working life.

Experts may not agree entirely about what the world of tomorrow will look like or how it will function, but technology is changing the way people do things in every part of our society and the robotics sector continues to expand in Australia. This means, in the workplace of the future, that jobs will look different from today’s and our students might be working alongside robots. Let’s take a look at what MBHS is providing in this space to prepare the next generation for their future.



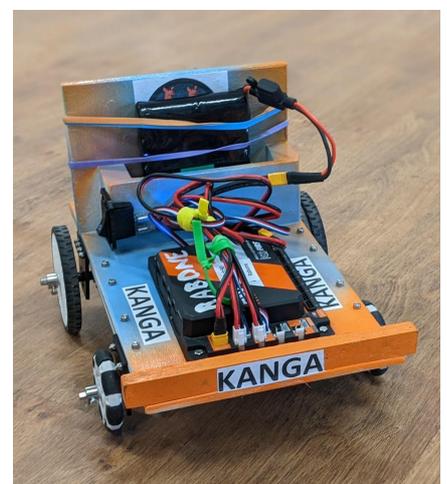
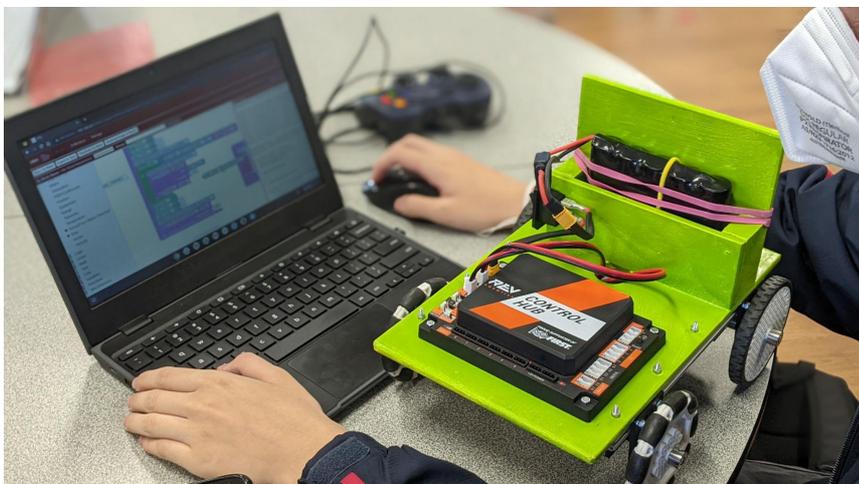
YEAR 9 ROBOTICS CHOICE SUBJECT - NEW IN 2022

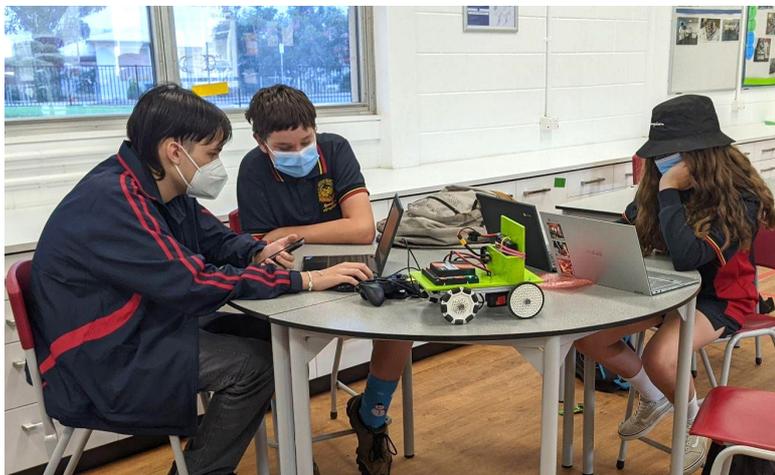
Robots are the future - actually, robots are already here!

Robotics has been offered, for the first time this year, as a semester-long choice subject in Year 9, and made possible by a group of interested students brave enough, and curious enough, to see what it’s all about.

During the semester students will design, build, modify, program and drive robots to do a set challenge. Students may also strengthen valuable life skills such as; teamwork, collaboration, public speaking, technical science and engineering skills which transfer to future workplaces.

MBHS hopes students will find it to be a fun, interesting, and hands-on subject, that may even be the start of a STEM career pathway for some.





MBHS STUDENT ROBOTICS CLUB

Our robotics club is able to start meeting again this week under the revised COVID management rules. Now is the perfect time to get involved, as the club explores new avenues on robot development and building.

The Bunyips always like to welcome all interested students (all year levels) so if you're looking to join in on the fun and learn new skills, there's absolutely no experience needed. If you think that you might like to be part of the Student robotics club, please drop in to one of the after school sessions and say "hi" or contact Ms Rabone by email at frabone@mbhs.sa.edu.au.



Come 'n try ROBOTICS

Enjoy designing, building, coding and driving robots, and join in some fun activities!

Find us afterschool
Tues & Thurs 3:30-5:00 pm in HG.0

Ask Ms. Rabone for details to join the Bunyips!

Some FAQ

What will I do ?

The Bunyips club caters to any level of experience. You can learn to build, code, and drive the robot from knowing next to nothing or having prior experience in the field. Alternatively, you may prefer to develop media/outreach skills (finding sponsors, photographing the team, managing the social media, etc.)

When do you meet?

The Bunyips meet after school on Tuesday and Thursday, 3.30-5.00pm in HG.0

Can robotics count towards SACE?

Yes! You can be assessed for 10 SACE points for participation in the student robotics club

TERM 1 CALENDAR 2022

Tue, 8 Mar	PHOTO CATCH UP DAY
Fri, 11 Mar	SPORTS DAY
Mon, 14 Mar	ADELAIDE CUP HOLIDAY
Tue, 15 Mar	STUDENT FREE DAY
Tue, 29 Mar	Finance Committee Meeting – 5pm
Tue, 5 Apr	Governing Council – 6pm
Mon, 11 Apr	Athletics Secondary Championships
Thu, 14 Apr	Last day of Term 1 - 2pm dismissal
Fri, 15 Apr	EASTER FRIDAY

Australian Air Force Cadets Recruiting
622 Rural City of Murray Bridge Squadron
 19 Caroline Street, Murray Bridge – Parading every Friday Night during school term from 6.30pm
 Contact Our Recruiting Officer at 622sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au



Are you turning 13 in 2022? Are you under 16 years of age? Are you looking for a challenge & fun in a team environment? If so, now is your opportunity to join your local Air Force Cadets. Come along to learn more & get involved.
Leadership - Self-Reliance - Initiative - Good Citizenship

COME AND TRY NIGHT – 11th March 2022, 1900hrs

AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS

Inspiring today, leading tomorrow

AAFC Mission
 To inspire and develop young people in an air and space environment to achieve and maximise their potential to contribute to Australia's future success.
 SERVICE – COURAGE – RESPECT – INTEGRITY – EXCELLENCE



MURRAY BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

SPORTS DAY

MARCH 11TH 8:50am - 3:15pm
 Murray Bridge High School Oval & Gym





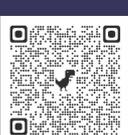

EVENTS FOR THE DAY

- Track Events: 100m & 200m & Relays
- Field Events: Shot Put, Discus, Javelin, High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump
- Novelty & Team Events: Spoke Relay, Tug-of-War, Obstacle Course, Neighbourhood Challenge, Volleyball
- Games Station: Chess, Connect 4, Finska & more!

Come and support our students!

FREE ENTRY
 Please register your attendance via the link sent to your email or by scanning the QR code below.

There are three different time slots you can select to attend. We encourage to attend while your child is participating in an event.
 Please follow Covid Safe processes while on site.
ENTRY TO SCHOOL IS VIA LOHMAN STREET GATE 2 ONLY.
 Check in when you arrive.



Coffee & BBQ facilities will be available. School Canteen will be open.



SHOW SPIRIT YELL LOUD JUMP HIGH CHEER PROUD



MBHS SPORTS DAY 2022
FRIDAY 11th March - Week 6

MURRAY BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL - 2022 MATERIALS AND SERVICE CHARGE

The 2022 Materials and Service Charge is due to be paid in full by **Friday 14th April 2022**, 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: www.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.