

**Term 2: Issue 4**  
**20 June 2022**

*'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

## Principal's page

Dear Parents and caregivers,

I have much good news to share with you all this fortnight. As the end of the year gets closer, several of our Year 12 classes have been undertaking summative performances in the Arts. Last Wednesday music students had the opportunity to test the acoustics in the new Sturt building. With support from the concert band and vocal ensemble, the audience was treated to solo performances by Keith Santillan (bass guitar) Daytona Luke (vocalist) Pearl-Lana Woolger (flautist) and Bethany Makin (flautist). I would like to thank Sean Hickey and Blake Ascione and the IM team in preparing the students. The quality of the performances were testimony to the many hours of practice by the students and we wish them well.

The drama students under the guidance of Robyn Page delighted the audience last Thursday with the play 'House on Fire'. A great story of siblings sticking together managing the curve balls of life. Members of the small cast transitioned seamlessly between their multiple roles with aplomb - congratulations to Robyn Page and the students for a great show. This is also the first time our Year 10 Theatre Production subject has run, with students providing support for the background lighting, costumes, sound, music and audio-visual effects. Well done to Lou Vodic and the Year 10 crew.

On Thursday night I received the news that Cox Architects were successful in winning the Architects Institute of Australia Award for Educational Architecture. I would like to congratulate Adam, Zoe and Cameron on this wonderful achievement and for being such great people to work with.

Yesterday our Pedal Prix teams once again gave their all on the circuit at Victoria Park. The teams were pumped and raring to go, with teacher Kelsey Milne spurring them on. After a gruelling 6 hours the A team were an amazing 5th in category and 5th overall, with Ethan Cooper doing the fastest lap. The B team are also growing in confidence and fitness and were a very creditable 38 out of 102 cars.



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### Year 12 Formal by Kara McLaren

On Friday June 3rd the annual Murray Bridge High School Senior formal was held at the Town Hall with 150 students in attendance. This year's theme was 'A Vintage Affair' and the hall was decorated with an eclectic mix of vintage crockery, linen, fresh floral arrangements, whimsical white ceiling draping and dominating the scene was an epic pallet backdrop built by our own talented Doorways to Construction students. Each detail had been carefully planned, and executed by the formal committee who had a vision to make the space feel warm, romantic and like a summer evening, which was expertly achieved.

Despite the less-than-ideal weather in the evening with heavy rain falling right on the arrival time slot, plan B was put in place and the students were still able to have their well-deserved 'moment' with the community, their family and friends all out to support them. Once all the guests were inside the night was in full swing, with many taking to the dance floor, enjoying the amazing array of food catered for by the talented Year 11 Food and Hospitality students or enjoying the open-air photo booth complete with personalised photo strips as mementos of the evening.



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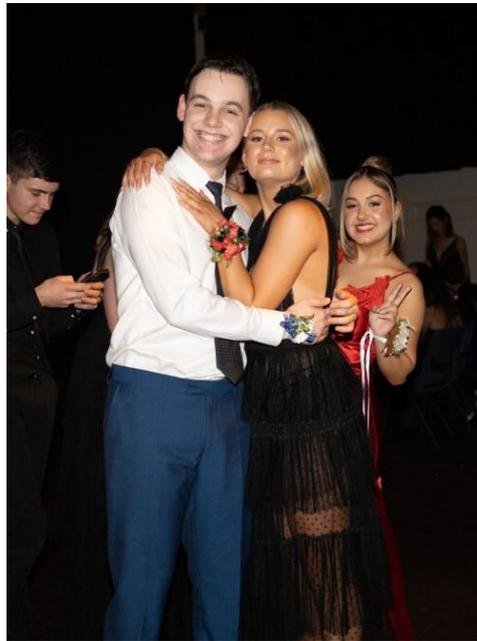
This year's best dressed couple were **Lucas Young and Sophie Edwards** and cutest couple were **Denver Sacco and Maddison Cain**.



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The formal is never a success without the many staff who helped during the evening, prior to the evening and behind the scenes. I would like to say 'Thank You' to you all. I would also like to say thank you to 'Love by the Bunch' (Emma Love) who made the beautiful flower jars for the tables, the Murray Bridge Town Hall (Matt Button) for his endless support with assisting with the night, the Murray Bridge Council (Matt Miles) for the beautiful lighting on the exterior of the building, Lyn Watkins and Ali Erkoç for taking photos, and finally to all the students. Without you all, this night would not have been the success that it was!



**All photos  
of the  
arrival are  
up on our  
website.**



### Clontarf Academy visit MBHS by Penny Conway

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June we had visitors from 3 Clontarf Academies - Paralowie, Ocean View and Salisbury High Schools. They challenged our Year 7, 8 and 9 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) students to a friendly football match.

"The Clontarf Foundation exists to improve the education, discipline, life skills, self-esteem and employment prospects of young ATSI men and by doing so equips them to participate more meaningfully in society". The foundation partners with schools and communities to create "Clontarf Academies" within the school grounds and education programme.

Fulltime, locally based Clontarf staff mentor and counsel students on a range of behavioural and lifestyle issues while the school caters for their education needs. Academy activities are planned within the focus of education, leadership, employment, wellbeing, life skills and sport. Students must continue to work at school and embrace the objectives of the foundation in order to remain in the programme.

The boys had a fantastic afternoon and at the end of the match shared a BBQ lunch together.



## Aboriginal Power Cup by Lyndsee Frost

In Week 4 of Term 2 the Year 10/11/12 SAASTA students were invited to attend a 7 day camp in Adelaide for the Aboriginal Power Cup.

Day 1 of the camp saw all students participate in “The Amazing ACE” where students had the opportunity to engage with a multitude of employers and business stalls. Students were given points according to how many stalls they engaged with and how they spoke to the different stall holders. They even got to participate in an Escape Room competition and a PT challenge using gym equipment.

Day 2 of the camp was spent at Flinders University. Year 10s engaged in a range of activities including performing in drama, using art and music to create their own pieces and a history lesson on voting rights of Aboriginal people. The Year 11/12s spent the day working with Port Adelaide learning from leaders in the community and then participating in an AFL clinic. All groups came together to listen to Elder Uncle Mickey as he Welcomed us to Country and told stories of the Kaurna people.

Day 3 was spent at Adelaide University for the Year 10s and Adelaide Oval for the Year 11/12s. The Year 10s did another day of working through different parts of the university while the Year 11/12s were presented with a Leadership Workshop.

Day 4 and 5 students participated in the Aboriginal Power Cup at Karen Rolton Oval. Students played 9-a-side football games throughout the two days. Both the boys and girls teams had varied results, but over all enjoyed the Cup and showed excellent sportsmanship.

Day 6 was a day off for the students. They were lucky enough to enjoy the Tree Climb in the rain, a few hours shopping and finished off with ten pin bowling before heading back to the accommodation.

Day 7 was the final day of the Power Cup Week, where students participated in the Aboriginal Power Cup Awards Ceremony. Congratulations to Kirsten Hartman who was awarded the Leadership Award from SAASTA for her leadership as a SAASTA Captain both at the Power Cup and throughout the year at school. Students then moved off to participate in a cultural dance on Adelaide Oval. All SAASTA students from across South Australia came together to connect with culture as a part of the dance. The final activity for the week was watching Port Adelaide take on Essendon at Adelaide Oval.

A big thank you to all the staff that made this camp possible. The students had a great time and look forward to the SAASTA Shield in Term 4!



Power Cup cont....





## New Year 7 Agriculture Garden is up and running by Grace Sampson

The Year 7s have been working hard to plant, sow, design our new Year 7 Garden area. The beginnings of hedges have been planted and young established fruit trees are planted along Swanport Road. There is also 2 rows of olives and 2 rows of table grapes that will provide us with an exciting and tasty harvest in seasons to come where students will help collect and preserve the fruits. We look forward to continuing to develop this area and especially excited to see it bloom in Springtime when our vegetable bed will be ready to pick and eat. Please feel free to peer through the fence on the corner of Swanport Road and Long Island Road and see the garden for yourself.



## Earth and Environmental Science Excursion by Serena Werner

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> of June the Year 12 Earth and Environmental Science class participated in an excursion to Long Island Reserve. At the Reserve we were met by Connor and Aleisha from the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Wetlands Team. Connor and Aleisha gave an overview of the River Murray and its wetlands and discussed their roles as ecologists. It was very interesting to hear their career pathways to becoming ecologists.

Connor and Aleisha also discussed the students' individual independent research project ideas that they are currently working on and gave them some great advice and direction. Students are investigating topics such as how might climate change affect the breeding grounds for pelicans, how effective the spiny flat-sedge is at improving water quality in wetlands, severe weather events and fires facilitating erosion and therefore the growth of invasive plant species, wombat, bat and pelican population surveys, how recreational activities affect the turbidity of the Murray River, carp and invertebrates in food webs, ocean acidification and shell decalcification, germination of acacia seeds after bushfires and groundwater pH after significant rain events.

The photo shows Connor, Aleisha and the Year 12 students holding a fish sampling net used by ecologists to check the health of wetlands. We would like to thank the LandscapeSA team (Connor, Aleisha, Jem and Ilyth) for their much-appreciated support in educating our Earth and Environmental Science students on the sustainable management of our landscapes – soil, water, pest plants and animals, and biodiversity.



**Exciting new projects in Tech Studies:  
Men@Metal Totems** by David Berresford

This semester students were challenged to use our CNC Plasma to produce one-of-a-kind Indigenous Totems. Students began by learning about metalwork and manufacturing methods before moving onto welding skills and metal finishing. Next, students went on to learn more about Indigenous Totems and their own personal connection through their families. Greg Carter led students through the discussion process delving into dreamtime stories and the history of each family totem. After initial design work the student totem silhouettes were cut out, cleaned, ground and a base coat of spray paint applied in tech studies.

The next step was utilizing our very own Robyn Kleinig who does mandala inspired artwork at home. Using her skills and passion she helped the students to develop their own colours and paint schemes allowing the students to truly make one-of-a-kind artworks. Once students had finished painting a generous amount of clear gloss protection spray was put on allowing the colours to really pop.

The students work is now on display in the M Block foyer for several weeks before they take them home.

A big thank you to Greg Carter and Robyn Kleinig for making this class possible.

**Students work:**

- Josiah Angie : Butterflyfish & Swan
- Ethan Brown: Shark
- Edward Clarke-Milera: Rainbow Serpent
- Joshua Hutchins: Class Assistant
- Lachlan Miller: Sand Goanna
- Logan Savage: Dingo
- Andrew Smith: Swan

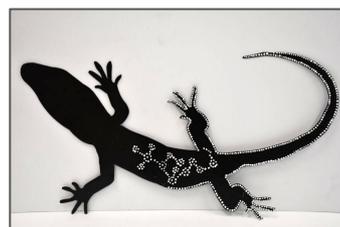
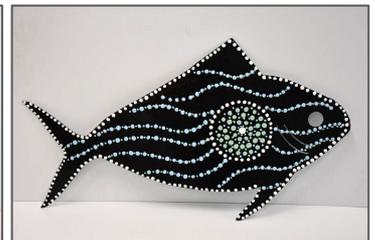
**Monarto Zoo Excursion** by Jared Daly

In week 6, Year 8 students went to Monarto Safari Park for a day of team building activities. The Year 8 students attended in their Neighbourhood groups (Kungari, No:ri, Pondi & Wirakuthi) allowing students to continue to develop strong relationships with their peers.

The day was split into two sessions, Session 1: Neighbourhood team building activities and Session 2: Monarto Zoo Safari tour. The team building activities students participated in required to work together as a team as well as using critical and creative thinking to solve the challenges presented to them.



The Year 11 Peer Support students accompanied the Neighbourhoods as they were completing one of their major assessment tasks in which they had to lead the team building activities. This excursion was a positive experience for both the Year 8 and Year 11 students to build on their skills and develop relationships.



### Year 12 Drama Production 'House on Fire' by Robyn Page

*Things are not going well for the Conway sisters. Dad's just married the Geography teacher, oldest sister Bec's been evicted and Evie's suffering serious issues with her new besties. Michaela has twenty-four hours to solve her sisters' problems before she sits the most important exams of her life. What else could go wrong?* - The year 12 Drama Production, "House on Fire" by Debra Oswald was a warm and funny night's entertainment that was a real crowd pleaser.

We have been delighted to work with the Year 10 Theatre Company Class who (under the calm guidance of Lou Vodic) took on all the off stage roles. This is the first year of running this course and the Year 10 students acted in the following disciplines: lighting, sound, multimedia and costume design, props, publicity and stage management. The students achieved great success and their respective roles fully supported and enhanced the actors' performances which were equally impressive.

For the 'Material Girls Theatre Company' this has been an extremely challenging production. Between having to change performance dates, losing several cast members and COVID illnesses/isolations, the cast have learned the meaning of resilience and flexibility. Many of the cast had to take on extra roles (some at the last minute) and students from other year levels also stepped up to complete the cast. I am very proud of the tenacity, teamwork and creative skills of all those involved in this production which 'wowed' the audience!

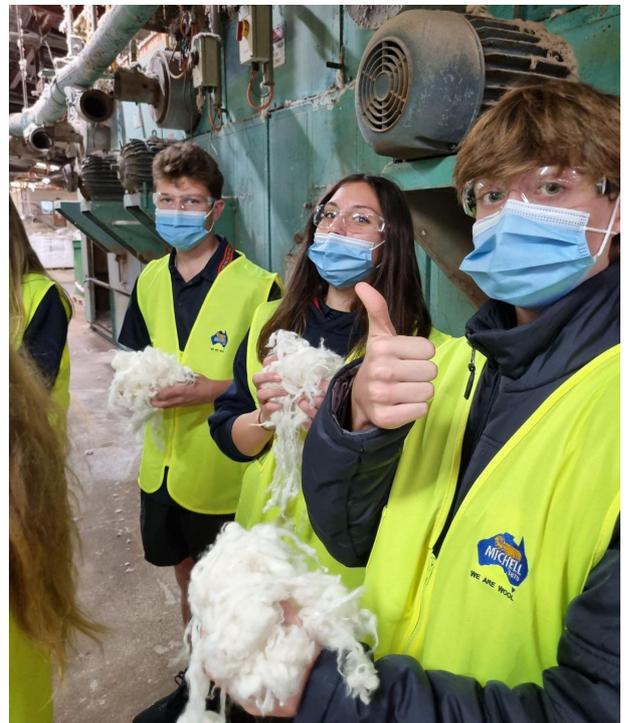




### Michell Wool Excursion by Ally Braun

Year 10 Agriculture students participated in an excursion to Michell Wool, one of Australia's oldest and largest exporters of Australian wool fiber and has been associated with the international wool textile industry for more than 150 years. Since 1870 the family business has processed wool and traded it across the globe.

Students looked how wool is processed after shearing. This included carbonising, scouring, wool tops and the extraction of wool grease. Students walked through the processing factory, touching wool, watching the cleaning process and asking questions. This excursion enabled students to deepen their understanding and make connections between what they have been learning in the classroom about wool, wool fibers, wool processing and the end products manufactured from Australian wool.



## Roseworthy Animal and Veterinary Science Careers day

by Ally Braun

Senior Agriculture students had the opportunity to visit the University of Adelaide Roseworthy campus for a SA Ag Careers day. Roseworthy Agricultural College is the first agricultural college in Australia, established in 1883.

Students attend a presentation from Dr Hayley McGrice, Senior lecturer at The University of Adelaide School of Animals and Veterinary Science on an update of degrees offered by the University and campus life at Roseworthy. Students completed a tour of the campus sheep and cattle yards, lecture theaters and laboratories and listened to a careers panel presentation from industry experts such as Stock Agents, Veterinary Officers, COE of Livestock SA, Animal Scientists and Professors at the Livestock Research Centre. Students thoroughly enjoyed participating in lab activities such as taking blood pressures, heart rate, animal anatomy, clinical skills and preg testing cattle.

This was an excellent opportunity for potential Animal science students to visit Roseworthy Campus, listen to industry experts talk about job opportunities and understand the pre-requisites and updates on degrees.



## Year 9/10 Volleyball

by Aaron Noske

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of June our Year 9/10 boys and girls' volleyball teams, accompanied by Healthy Lifestyles teachers Maddie Hughes and Aaron Noske, made their way to the Lights Sports Center to compete in the initial round of the South Australian Schools Sport volleyball tournament. Both our teams accompanied by some Year 11 coaches did the school very proud with our girls winning 3 out of their 5 matches including a very narrow loss, and our boys going undefeated winning all 5 of their games. This means our boys team will be invited back to compete in the finals against other round winners from across the state. We wish the boys the best of luck for the finals.



### Year 12 Performance Recital by Sean Hickey

On Wednesday 8th of June, the Year 12 SACE Music, Cert III in Sound Production and music students from Years 7 to 12 collaborated together to form our school ensembles and presented an outstanding performance in the Sturt Building Auditorium. The concert featured two sets from the School Concert Band, playing 'Hawaii 5-0', 'Superstition', 'The Avengers Theme' and 'Bohemian Rhapsody' as well an excellent performance from the Vocal Ensemble who presented 'This is Me' from the Greatest Showman and 'You'll Be Found'. Our Year 12 soloists also performed as part of the program, Keith Santillan (Bass Guitar), Daytona Luke (vocals), Pearl-lana Woogler (Flute) and Bethany Makin (Flute). Thank you to all that attended and made the performance a special evening for our students.



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## LOST PROPERTY

There has been a lot of items handed into the Lost Property box in the SSO.

If you have lost/misplaced any items including jackets, t-shirts, drink bottles, phones etc. please go and ask at the SSO.

## TERM 2 CALENDAR

**Mon-Fri 20-24 Jun** Year 10 Career Immersion Week  
**Fri, 24 Jun** Semester 1 ends  
**Tue, 28 Jun** Governing Council 6pm  
**Wed, 29 Jun - Fri, 1 Jul** Year 12 Deep Creek Camp  
**Fri, 8 Jul** Middle Years Success Assembly  
 Last day of Term 2 - 2pm dismissal



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- Senior Constable Brenton Lind (traffic support branch) will also discuss topical traffic issues such as fatalities, local hoon drivers and changes to the hoon legislation.

**When** Thursday, 30 June 2022  
**Where** Unity Senior Campus Steeple 45 Owl Drive, MURRAY BRIDGE  
**Time** 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm (Doors open at 6.00 pm)  
 Parking available at the venue.

While questions will be taken from the audience on the night, community members can send in questions prior to the evening which will then be addressed on the night. Questions can be lodged by email to: [sapo@murraymalleecrimeprevention@police.sa.gov.au](mailto:sapo@murraymalleecrimeprevention@police.sa.gov.au)





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