

Term 2: Issue 2
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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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NEWSLETTER

Principal's page

Our 2022 pedal prix team is off to a flying start after the first 6 hour event at The Bend. After a term of training and organising, teacher Kelsey Milne was unwell, missing the excitement and significant proud teacher moments on the day. Many thanks to Leanne Maxwell, Serena Werner, Josh Coulter, Sarah Stephensen and Paula Haahes who all jumped in to ensure our teams were well supported. See the highlights and write up on page 7 in this newsletter.

Over the last several weeks our Year 7 and 9 students have been undergoing NAPLAN testing. With all tests online this is a huge logistical undertaking for Middle School Leader Kirrily Martin. Catch ups for non-attenders continue to ensure we capture as many students as possible to give the best possible snapshot of learning in our school. With all going so smoothly it reminds me how very fortunate I am to have an exemplary IT team.

Parent teacher meetings have also occurred over the last two weeks, with a number of parents embracing the online option. Tonight is the final night, and I would really appreciate you making contact with us if you are unable to attend, so that we can reallocate other parents to these spots if needed. If you have been unable to make meetings please remember you can email subject teachers through daymap, or through the staff directory on our website at any time.

Last Tuesday our Year 9 drama class presented the melodrama 'Horror at Hellfire Hall' to an audience of students, teachers and parents. It was a light hearted, at times whimsical performance designed for audience interaction and participation. Kiera Stavast as Sir Basil Orfle delighted the audience with dastardly plans for the demise of heroine Jennifer Sweetly, played by Ella McKenzie-Campbell. Congratulations to teacher Robyn Page, the cast and off stage team for a very enjoyable performance.

We have started our 'starting high school' transition program with parent and student information meetings being well attended. Families have been very excited to look at the building and hear about curriculum offerings for Year 7s in 2023. This is just the start of an intensive program run by transition leader Ty Burkett, and details of future activities can be found on our website under the dropdown box – enrolments.



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School Sport Mountain Bike Championships

by Kelsey Milne

On 6th of May, two Murray Bridge High teams ventured to Craighburn Farm Trails to compete in the Sporting School Mountain Bike Championships.

The Championships is open to all South Australian schools in various year levels. The aim of the day is to complete as many laps of the mountain bike course as possible in the time limit.

Well done to Lachlan and Andrew who finished 6th from 87 teams in the Year 7 & 8 category. And congratulations to Ethan and Jayden who came 3rd from 35 teams in the Year 11 & 12 category. Great effort!



YEAR 12
Performance
Recital



Sturt Building Auditorium
 Wednesday 8th of June
 5pm to 6pm

This is a free event however bookings are necessary
<https://www.trybooking.com/BZNLR>



Year 12 Performance Recital

On Wednesday 8th of June, Week 6, from 5pm to 6pm the Year 12 SACE music class, Concert Band 1 and Vocal Ensemble will be performing in the Sturt Auditorium. This will be the Year 12 performance assessment, but also an opportunity for us to share with you the music we have been working on this year.

This will be a free event, however we would like you to book a seat via the trybooking link below <https://www.trybooking.com/BZNLR> to assist with seating.

Please be aware that COVID event guidelines will need to be adhered to during this event.

Year 7 Science by Avelin David

Science students studied the definition of solute, solvent, and solution. A practical was conducted using Sodium chloride which acted as the solute, this was dissolved in the solvent (water) and as a result we got a solution. In addition, we have learnt suspension and colloids. In a suspension, the different substances will eventually separate. In a colloid the substances will not separate but will stay mixed together. Students have enjoyed doing these practicals and finding out new things.



“Horror at Hellfire Hall” by Robyn Page

The current Year 9 Drama students have been studying 'Melodrama' and as part of that study, some students opted to perform "Horror at Hellfire Hall" by Peter Finch. The story revolves around villainous Sir Basil, Lady Orful and the underserving, servants - Widow Spyder, Mr and Mrs McFang and Doome the butler as they attempt to make the lawful new owner of Hellfire Hall disappear via an 'unfortunate accident'. Luckily for Miss Jennifer Sweetly (the new owner), there is a handsome young man - Tristram Trustworthy who, disguised as a stupid servant, is watching over her. Will Sir Basil succeed in feeding Miss Sweetly to the Devil Plant or will Tristram save the day?





Students took on roles of acting, sound design, lighting, costuming, front of house and presenting placards for audience interaction ("Hooray", "Gasp" etc). They worked hard during rehearsals and performed extremely successfully to invited parents and two year 7 classes.

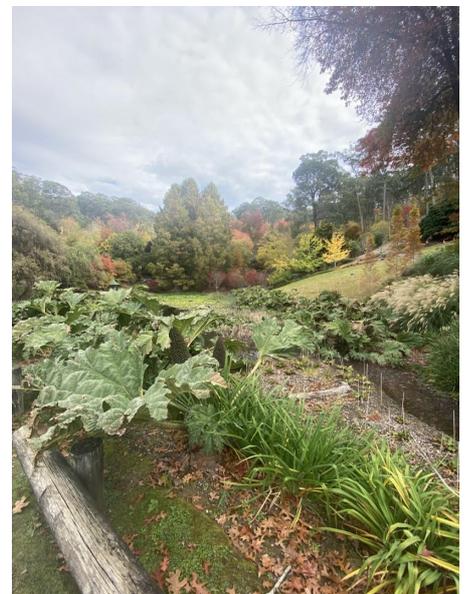
I would like to thank all the students involved for their enthusiasm and dedication which allowed the performance to be a roaring success!



Year 11 English Literary Studies Excursion by Natasha Lancaster

On Wednesday 11th of May, the Year 11 English Literary Studies class visited the Cleland Wildlife Park and Mount Lofty Botanical Gardens as part of their Creative Writing unit. Students immersed themselves in nature and had the opportunity to feed and pet wildlife native to the Adelaide Hills.

This experience was a great opportunity for students to gain inspiration and take in their surroundings, noting what they saw, thought, and felt throughout the day.



Pedal Prix Success by Kelsey Milne

Saturday 14th of May was a very exciting day for MBHS, with 17 students in 2 teams participating in Round 2 of the UniSA AHPVSS 6 hour race at the Bend.

It was a great day out with our A Trike finishing 1st in their category and our B Trike coming 34th. All students represented the school with such pride, respect and showed amazing teamwork. Shout out to Ben Cooper who also was recognised in the top 7 volunteers in the Pedal Prix Community.

Thank you to all involved in getting the team race ready and helping out on the day. Keep an eye on this team - they are definitely going places!!



Agriculture News by Ally Braun

AgriTech Tour

Year 12 aggies had the opportunity to visit Smarts Robotic Dairy and Rio Vista Olives located at Mypolonga as part of their Agritechnology tour.

Smarts have implemented 8 Robots into the daily operation on the dairy farm to maximize efficiency, improve yield and reduce labor costs. Students interviewed the farmers, watched the robots in action and discussed the pros and cons of robots. They asked lots of questions about the business decisions required to implement the technology and the benefits of robots in a dairy. Students had the chance to view and discuss technology such as automatic teat cleaning and sanitising, mastitis detectors, milk separators, automatic feed rations, automatic drafting gates and smart collars.

“It was interesting to see the difference in technology compared to the rotary dairy I work at. I really enjoyed learning about the advancement in technology enabling farmers to produce more milk in what seemed like low stress environment” SL

Rio Vista Olives

Students toured the Rio Vista Olive processing factory listening to owner Jared Bettio talk about the importance of technology in the growing and processing of Olives. Jared has been influential in importing machines from overseas specifically to improve the olive oil production quality ensuring his Olives are grown, harvested, cold-pressed and packaged on site using 24/7 during harvest. Rio Vistas Olive has some of the most hi tech equipment used in Australia allowing Rio Vista olives to compete with the international Olive Oil market. They are the most awarded Australian Olive Oil company for 2020/21. Students watched the 2 phase Pieralisi extractor processing half a tonne per hour, enabling a slow and cold extraction, maintaining maximum nutrients and flavors. Jared then discussed extraction, done by a centrifugation totally enclosed process that protects the oil from oxidation. This technology enables olive oil to be bottled with the naturally occurring antioxidant still intact.

“ It was interesting to see the process from harvesting to oil extraction. I did not realise how advanced the technology needs to be to produce the highest quality oil or understand how many steps are involved in olive oil processing” CM



Cafe Lot 23

Students also dropped into locally run Cafe Lot 23 in Mypolonga. They sampled yummy local produce and drinks and enjoyed the outdoor dining area.



Combi Clamp Sheep Handler

Introduction of the new Combi clamp sheep handler should make lamb marking and sheep handling much easier at the Roper Road farm. Year 10 and 11 students had the opportunity to listen to Mark Thurston from Nutrient Ag demonstrate how to use the manually operated clamp. The installation of new sheep yards and the combi clamp enables working with sheep and goats at the Roper Road farm to be a less stressful and manually demanding task for Agriculture students. Students listened to Mark talk about industry requirements for preparing lambs for market, how to manage the sheep before market and watched and participated in conditioning scoring our school lambs.



TERM 2 CALENDAR 2022

Mon, 23 May	Parent/Teacher meetings 3.30 - 6.00pm
Mon, 23 - Fri, 27 May	SAASTA Power Cup
Tue, 24 May	Introduction to MBHS - 5pm Governing Council - 6pm
Mon, 30 May - Fri, 3 Jun	RECONCILIATION WEEK
Wed, 1 Jun	Year 12 Music Performance
Wed, 1 - Thu, 2 Jun	Year 11 Aquatics Fishing Camp
Fri, 3 Jun	YEAR 12 FORMAL
Wed, 8 - Fri 10 Jun	Year 12 Deep Creek Camp
Wed, 8 Jun	Winter Sounds Concert - DW
Mon, 13 Jun	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
Tue, 14 Jun	STUDENT FREE DAY
Thu, 16 Jun	Year 12 Drama Production 6.30pm
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



SOUTH AUSTRALIA POLICE KEEPING SA SAFE

SAPOL presents at MBHS

During Week 4 and Week 5 SAPOL will be visiting MBHS to present 2 sessions on Social Media and Bullying and Harassment to students in Years 7, 8 and 9.

Session 1: will focus on Social Media and the impact negative use has on the victim, families and the perpetrator including external consequences enforced by SAPOL.

Session 2: will focus on the consequences of Bullying and Harassment, Threatening and Perpetrating violence and the impact it has on the individuals involved, families and the wider community.

Attendance Hotline

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Please report your child's absence or if they will be arriving late by 9:45 am each morning.

When reporting an absence please state the following:

Your Name

Childs Name

Reason for being absent eg. Ill, Family Reasons, Covid etc.

If you receive a Text message saying your child is absent you can respond to this by one of the following:

Reply to Text

Call 85319555

Email dl.0785.attend@schools.sa.edu.au

Front Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 8.30am - 4.00pm

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8.15am - 9.30am

For all your uniform needs, please visit the Uniform Shop during the above times to choose from a full range of uniform options.

Now the cooler weather is here, MBHS also have **Beanies for sale for \$20** at the Finance Counter, near the SSO.
Get yours today.

