Dear Families,

It is crazy to think that we are in August and already into week 3 of the term! The year is definitely moving along very quickly.

As always, we are very busy with lots of fun and engaging activities across the school. This term we will have Book Week, Lapathon, Father’s Day stall, Festival Theatre performance for choir, a student free day, and a pupil free day. Both the Gawler Show and Royal Adelaide Show will also be occurring during this term.

It is important to keep an eye out for notes and if you are not sure, contact the school on 8254 8322 to find out about events or to gather more information.

Thank you,
Belinda Kopania - Principal

Hello to Everyone,

Friday 12 August
Rugby Tag

Wednesday 17 - Friday 19 August
Book fair

Monday 22 - Friday 26 August
Book Week

Wednesday 24 August
Talent Show Auditions
* Collect application forms from the office and return before 24/8

Friday 26 August
Special Lunch order day
Lap a Thon - Dress up day!
* Please return all money by 26/8

Thursday 1 September
Father’s Day Stall

Friday 2 September
Pupil Free Day

Monday 5 September
School Closure Day

Sunday 18 September
Choir Performance – Festival Theatre

Wednesday 28 September
Talent Show

Friday 30 September
Last day of term 3

We have been very lucky to have 3 of our students represent the school in SAPSASA events. Last term Olivia Straker-Wilsdon participated in the girl’s soccer and this term Jack Johns and Nelson Nitschke will be participating in football. This is a highly competitive process for selection and a terrific effort.

Book Week is approaching fast (Aug 22-26). Watch out for special class events to celebrate Book Week across the school.

Lapathon will be on Friday 26th August. Make sure that your child’s booklet is completed and returned to school so prizes can be ordered.

The fundraising committee will hold the Father’s Day stall on Thursday 1st September.
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Fees as of 15/06/16. *Fees listed are based on an average family subsidised with 100% CCB and who have nominated their Child Care Rebate to be paid direct to the service as a fee reduction. These are estimates only and staff will assist with working out what your fees will be depending on your individual case.

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NAPLAN Online

This term all year 3, 5 and 7 students will be participating in the NAPLAN Online and Item Test trial. Munno Para PS was selected as a trial school for the Item Test trial. This is to test out the tests that will be used for the Online Readiness Trial. It is a trial of the tests that may or may not be used. At no time are students identified. This is purely an opportunity for students to have experience in the NAPLAN online process and to test the overall system. Andrew Castenetto is the NAPLAN Online Coordinator and is the contact person if you have any queries.

Olympic Torch

Our school was lucky enough to have an Olympic torch from the 2000 Olympics brought in for students to look at. Thank you to Terri Young for this amazing experience.

Canteen

The canteen is open Tuesday-Fridays for lunch only. Recess orders can be made and are sent through with lunch orders in the class box. After 9:30, the only available items for lunch from the canteen are sandwiches. Please be mindful of this with late arrivals.

There is a special lunch for Book Week. Notes have been sent home. There are spares in the front office if you require them. No other lunch orders are available on this day.

Library

We finally have our library and D Block returned. There is still some minor works with railing and fencing along the side next to the JP playground. The senior classes have moved in and are now all together in one learning team. Lisa has done an excellent job in organising the resources and setting up the library. It looks bright and cheery and is a welcome return for all.

Talent Show

‘Munno Has Talent’ Show will be on Wednesday 28th September. Auditions will be held on Wednesday 24th August. All applications need to be at the front office by this date.

Zoo

Last week our reception students went to the zoo. This was a culmination of the work that they had been doing in class. The weather was lovely and the students and staff had a wonderful day out.

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**Choir**

Magic Millions rehearsal will be on **Thursday 25th August**. This is called Magic Millions as the rehearsal is at the Magic Millions pavilion at Morphettville Racecourse. This is an opportunity for the conductor and all of the students to perform as a collective choir. The Festival Theatre rehearsal will be on **Thursday 15th September** with the performance on **Sunday 18th September**. My apologies for the incorrect date on notes sent home.

The criteria for selection at the performance has been very clear from the beginning.

- Students must demonstrate the school values of respect, responsibility and success at school to be able to represent the school off site.
- It is imperative that students know all of the songs and the choreography. If a child does not know these, they will stand out and be very obvious on the night. It is very apparent which students spend extra time at home listening to their CDs and learning all of the words.
- Attendance is expected at all sessions. There are times when appointments etc come up, and these are taken into consideration. There are students though that have missed 8 or 9 sessions out of 18.

The school has an allocation of 17 students, and it is unfortunate that I have not been able to obtain 5 extra positions at this point in time. If tickets are purchased, parents will be reimbursed if their child is not in the final 17.

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**Late Arrivals**

There are a number of students who are repeatedly arriving late to school. This makes it very difficult for them to be organised for the day, as the teacher uses the morning session to explain the structure of the day. Students often find it difficult to know what is happening and settling in class as they miss important information when they arrive late. Most importantly, literacy, numeracy and intervention programs are generally held in the mornings and students who consistently arrive late to school miss out on essential learning.

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**Attendance Notes**

Attendance notes will be sent home Friday after school. These are done in weeks 3, 6 and 10 of each term. Attendance is an early indicator of academic success and engagement later on in school. If you are having trouble getting your child to school, please contact leadership to discuss this further.

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**Behaviour**

It is quite disappointing to report that there have been a number of poor choices made by students recently. It is not acceptable for students to speak rudely to any staff or for gross non-compliance. Some students think that when their teacher is away, it is acceptable to yell, shout, answer back, not follow instructions, walk out of the room, refuse to work, bully and harass other students and damage property. These behaviours will not be accepted and will result in take homes and suspensions. Some students’ behaviours are repeated and constant and therefore pose a risk when taken off site. They have and will miss out on off site activities.

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**3pm Dismissal**

This is just a reminder that school finishes at 3pm. Staff have meetings, phone calls, trainings and marking to do before their day finishes. Repeated and constant late pick up is a negligence issue and mandatory reports have and will be made.

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**Before School**

Students should not be on school grounds or the play equipment prior to school. The bell goes at 8:45am and a teacher will be on yard duty from that time. Classrooms are open then and school begins at 8:55am. There have been a couple of accidents in the mornings involving unsupervised students before school. Please remind students if they are dropped off in the morning to wait behind the white line, unless of course they are going to the Breakfast Club.

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**Updated contact details**

Please make sure that the school has all current phone numbers for yourself as well as emergency contacts. There are times when the school may need to ring home, and it can be quite distressing when we are not able to contact families to inform them of any issues or concerns.
It is great to be back working with our amazing school community. It has been brilliant to reconnect with staff, students, parents and community members. I would like to thank Andrew Castenetto for stepping up and doing a great job filling in for me while I was away.

There is lots of exciting things in place this term and I thought I would take this opportunity to share them with everyone:

- **SHOW FOR SHOW** – 10 students who show exemplary behaviour in class and in the yard. Teachers will be nominating these students to go into a draw to win an excursion to the show. This is an exciting opportunity to reward those students whose behaviour goes above and beyond.
- **Breakfast Club** – is on every morning in A block. It is free of charge and students are really enjoying cereal, fruit and toast. (A big thank you to all the volunteers who give up their time to help out)
- **Children’s University** – There is lots of activities and opportunities planned for those students participating in the Children’s University program to get more hours stamped on their passports.
- **ATSI club** – ATSI (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) club runs every Friday and is a great chance for our students to meet up and engage in some learning and positive social interaction.
- **Social Skills** – This term I am running some social skills programs with the upper primary and middle primary classes. In term 4 I hope to be able to run a similar program with the junior primary students.
- **Growth Mindset** – There is lots of positive work going on in classrooms and across the school to make sure our students stay positive and believe in themselves. You can help at home by chatting to your kids about positive aspects of their day.
- **The Smith Family** – We have been working collaboratively with The Smith Family who help with a range of things at our school including some mentoring and scholarship opportunities.
- **Year 7 transitions** are also being organised and all of our year 7’s will have their schools confirmed over the following weeks. This is an exciting time as they prepare for high school.

I look forward to seeing everyone around the school and am looking forward to an exciting second half of the year.

Please feel free to contact me via email with any questions or concerns ryan.hunter9@school.sa.edu.au

Mr Hunter

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**Frau Kelly and German news**

Welcome back to another exciting term of German. The students and I are looking forward to another fun filled term of German language and culture.

This term our focus will be on sports and games. The children will have the opportunity to look at Australia and Germany’s involvement in the Olympic Games. We will also be looking at games and fun activities children like to do in Australia and Germany; providing the students with the opportunity to look at the similarities and differences in German and Australian culture through sports and games. Towards the end of the term some classes will have the opportunity to enjoy games and sports focusing on oral language skills.

Please remember you can find me in M Block and I am always happy to discuss your child’s progress in German at any time.

Tschüss (Bye, Informal language).