



MURRAY BRIDGE SPECIAL SCHOOL

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AN ANXIOUS CHILD IS NOT A LEARNING CHILD

Murray Bridge Special School Newsletter



Important Reminder

The last day of school before the summer break is this Friday the 10th of December 2021. School closes one hour earlier. Taxis' will begin arriving one hour earlier than usual. School recommences for students' on Monday the 31st of January 2022. The staff would like to wish you all a safe and joyful summer time with your family.

Another year of COVID-19 has meant another year of less certainty and more turbulence for our school. However, as has come to be expected from this wonderful school community, as we learn to live with COVID-19 we have made it through with as minimal disruption as possible. We wish to sincerely thank all of our families and our incredibly precious and wonderful learners for their ongoing support and efforts again this year.



Precious Farewells

It is with such great sadness and yet much hope for future new adventure, excitement, and great learning to come, we farewell our special and most precious year six and seven learners, Jameson Heaven, Kenyattah Ogutu, Daryl Groves, Eyesha Goodenough, and Logan Barham. We also farewell Oliver Webb-Mundy who will be enrolling into Murray Bridge North School Special Class! A heartfelt goodbye and so much love goes with them. We wish to sincerely thank them for allowing us to share in their lives. They have taught us so much, and for that we are indeed thankful!

Farewell Our Brian Jones!

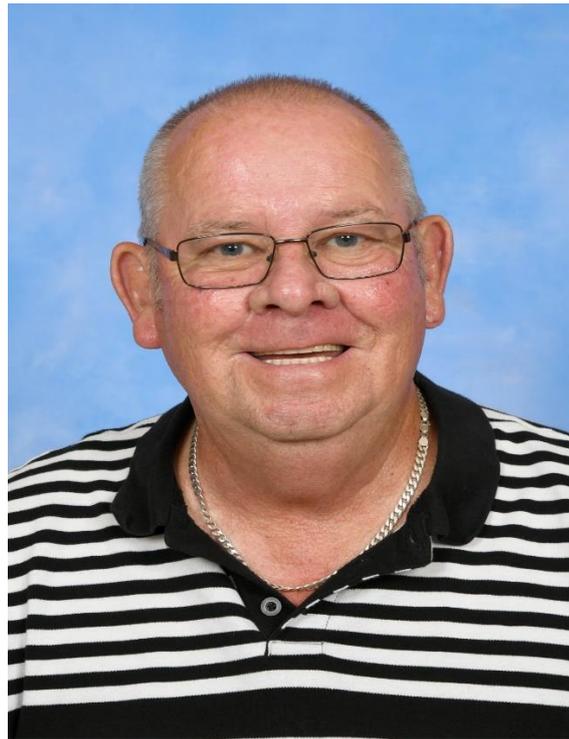
It is with extraordinary sadness and great emotion that we farewell our **incredibly precious Brian Jones**. Brian has helped support and shape the lives of young people here at school for 23 years. As an active and well known community member he has touched the lives and supported generations of people living in Murray Bridge and surrounds, particularly those living with challenges. He is a very much loved and adored 'elder statesman' of both our school and Murray Bridge. Brian's last day at school will be Thursday 9th of December. Please join in wishing Brian the very best for the future. We know people like Brian don't 'retire'. They continue giving in whatever way they can. So whatever pathway Brian chooses to follow we know that he will make his mark and continue to be much loved. In our minds and hearts always - cheers and much gratitude to Brian!

MURRAY BRIDGE SPECIAL SCHOOL SALUTES

BRIAN JONES

HERE'S CHEERS TO 23 YEARS

1ST MAY 1998 - 09TH DECEMBER 2021



DEVOTION TO A LIFE OF SERVICE
PROVIDING LOVE, CARE AND SUPPORT TO GENERATIONS OF
PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

We also farewell **Charlotte Wynne** who has been the Learning Facilitator for learners in LA3 in 2021. Charlotte has travelled each day from the Adelaide Hills to teach at our school and we wish to thank her for her dedication and commitment to her learners. We know you will join us in wishing Charlotte the very best for the new adventure she is about to embark on.

Reports

End of Year Reports will be sent home shortly. Please celebrate and congratulate your children on an extraordinary job well done!

Chicken Pox/Shingles

We have had notification of a case of Chickenpox (varicella)/Shingles in our school. Chickenpox is a viral infection caused by the varicella-zoster virus. Shingles (herpes zoster infection) is caused by re-activation of the chicken-pox virus.

Information from SA Health regarding both chicken pox and shingles has been sent home to all families. I am hopeful existing hygiene practices already in place within the school and early notification will minimise any spread.

Importantly, if your child exhibits any of the symptoms described in the information please seek a medical opinion and keep your child at home, and should it be chicken pox/shingles please inform the school immediately.

We appreciate your cooperation and support as we work together to keep our learners and our community safe.

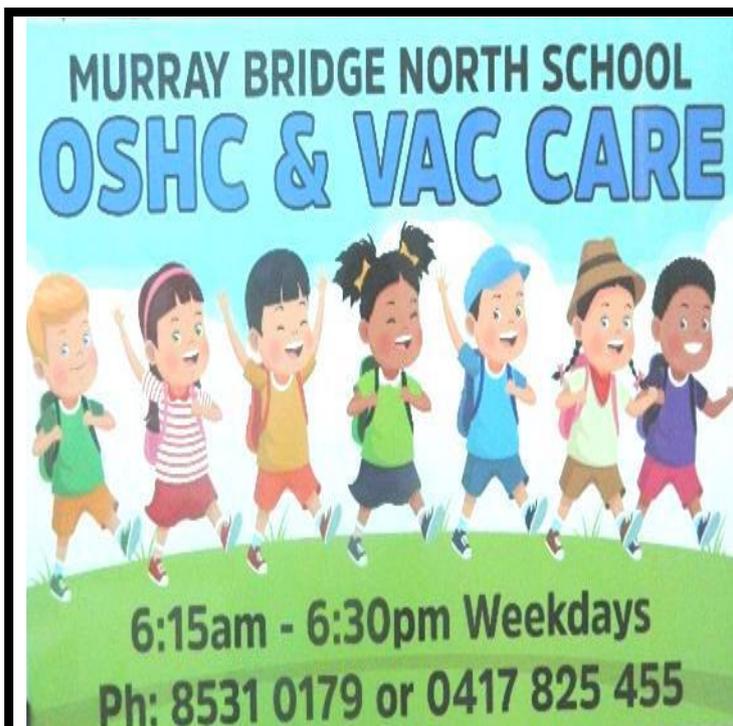
School Term Dates For 2022

Term 1: 31st January – 14th April.

Term 2: 2nd May – 8th July.

Term 3: 25th July – 30th September.

Term 4: 17th October – 16th December.



Before School, After School, Student Free Day or Vacation Care Programs
We offer quality care with fun activities, friendships, games, arts, crafts, great food and special events all in a comfortable home like environment at competitive prices.



To request an appointment online, go to:

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/dentalappointment

For clinic locations, go to: www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/findyourclinic

Keep Your Kids Smiling.....



SA Dental Service

Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics. Our specially trained staff provide comprehensive dental care to help prevent pain and tooth decay. We will always talk to you about what your child needs before we provide any treatment. We have been a trusted government dental service for children since 1969 and bulk bill under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

Call us now for an appointment!

Your local clinic is: Murray Bridge Community Dental Clinic

Phone: 8531 9300 or use the link on our website to ask us to contact you.

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/dentalappointment

School Zones - Reminder It's 25km/h when children are present



Did you know missing one day of school a week adds up to almost three years by the time your child finishes school. Every day matters!

Once again, I'd like to thank each and every person who is involved in our school. Whether you are a parent, carer, family member, learner, cleaner, school support officer or learning facilitator; thank you for making our school a better place to be.

"When little people are overwhelmed by BIG emotions it's our job to share our calm, NOT to join their chaos" L.R Knosk Child Development Researcher U.S.A

Enjoy Every Precious Moment Together!

Warmest Regards Always,
Vicki Smith
Principal
December 2021



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