



MURRAY BRIDGE SPECIAL SCHOOL

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AN ANXIOUS CHILD IS NOT A LEARNING CHILD

Murray Bridge Special School Newsletter



Important Reminder To Families

The end of school term is this **Friday 25th September**. Just a reminder **school finishes an hour early**. Have a safe and enjoyable Spring break.

Reminder Date To Place In Your Diaries

Remaining Student Free Days 2020

- **Monday 02nd November** – Data Analysis

The school will be closed to students on this day while staffs participate in professional learning.

**The date for our remaining pupil free day has been selected to coordinate with Murray Bridge North Primary School.

School COVID-19 Management Update

Just like the rest of the State, the COVID-19 situation remains our biggest concern here, and COVID-19 outbreaks across the country are a stark reminder we must all maintain strict hygiene and physical distancing protocols. If we can avoid it, we do not want to have restrictions tightened, however we must be ready in case we do.

It is critical as a community we think of not only ourselves and our family, but of all others, and show care and kindness toward them wherever and whenever possible. You can do this by keeping yourselves and your children home if you or they appear unwell or have cold or flu like symptoms, maintaining good hygiene practices, and staying physically distanced. Above all, be patient, understanding and kind.

We continue to **stop adults gathering in the foyer area of the school** at drop off and pick up times due to the small size of the area - there simply isn't enough safe space.

Physical distancing continues to apply and probably will for some time.

Face to face meetings, including with your child's Learning Facilitator can go ahead for now, however don't forget to negotiate a time first as the Learning Facilitator will need to book an appropriately sized space. Good hygiene practices are essential, including frequent effective hand washing and covering coughs and sneezes.

Protecting the health and wellbeing of our precious learners continues to be a priority. Our learners may have fragile unpredictable health concerns or require frequent ongoing medical assessments or appointments. It is important our learners attend only in appropriate circumstances. For example if a learner is unwell or significantly stressed; is recovering from a recent illness; has had recent surgery or hospitalization, or requires a standard of health or psychological care outside of the duty of care abilities of teaching or school support staff, then it is not in the learners best interests to attend, and if they come to school you will be contacted to take them home where they can receive the care and attention that cannot occur in a school setting.

The additional cleaning internally of the school will probably continue into term 4. Kirsty our super school cleaner continues to do an extraordinary job and many thanks go to her for continuing to assist keep our precious learners safe.

Thank you to the many parents and carers who are respecting and helping us with the school entry rules and are also building their own children's independence and resilience. I do wish to thank everyone sincerely; including our incredible learners, their families and our wonderful staff for their patience and understanding as we negotiate our way through previously uncharted waters. We trust everything will be okay in time, we just need to keep supporting one another and demonstrating the overwhelming patience and kindness I am witness to every day. Care and Kindness in everything!

School Holiday Exclusive Deal

Schools out! During South Australian school holidays, every LinkSA bus service in the regions Murray Lands, Barossa Valley, Victor Harbor and Adelaide Hills offers any child aged 4 – 15 years a FREE bus ride with every bus ticket purchased.

Simply mention this special to our friendly bus driver upon boarding.

Valid over the official South Australian school holiday period:

Spring: Saturday 26th September – Sunday 11th October 2020.

Summer: Saturday 12th December – Tuesday 26th January 2021.

Autumn: Saturday April 10th – Monday 26th April 2021.

Winter: Saturday July 3rd – Sunday 18th July 2021.

Barossa Valley Office

(08) 8562 1999

Murray Bridge Office

(08) 8532 2633

Goolwa Office

(08) 8555 2500

Emergency Procedures and Contacts

It is a families' responsibility to provide the school with up to date mobile telephone and/or landline contact numbers, nominated emergency contacts, consent forms, medical information and court orders. Please contact the school if your details change at any time.

It is critical that we are able to contact you in an emergency.



PARENT FORUM

Children's Sexual Behaviours

A workshop for parents and carers of children and young people with a disability.

The department is developing new resources for staff and parents about:

- how schools respond to children's sexual behaviour
- how parents can work with schools when sexual behaviour happens.

This workshop will provide a safe and supportive environment for you to tell us what you already know, what you want to know and what is most important to you about how schools respond to children's sexual behaviour

The information you provide will help us develop resources that meet the needs of children with disabilities, parents and carers.

This workshop is for a limited number of parents and carers and will be held maintaining current strict COVID -19 guidelines.

**Disability Policy and Programs Parent Forum to be held at
Special Education Resource Unit (SERU)**

72A Marlborough Street, Henley Beach SA 5022. Ph: 8235 2871

Tuesday 20 October 2020 11:00 am – 12:00 noon

Register via [Eventarc](#)

Visit: web.seru.sa.edu.au for instructions to register

Email: Education.ParentForumConference@sa.gov.au



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

INVITING ALL ARTISTS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART

Work with esteemed artist, Cedric Varcoe to develop your knowledge of traditional symbols to enhance and grow your art's connection to Culture in this 4 day event
Work together to create a t-shirt you can take home
This workshop is free
Open to any Aboriginal young person, 15-25

TUESDAY 29/9 - FRIDAY 2/10
10AM - 3PM FULLY CATERED
MOORUNDI ART ROOM
1 WHARF ROAD, MURRAY BRIDGE
PLACES STRICTLY LIMITED CALL 8531 2122 TO BOOK

SkidLife MOORUNDI headspace

School Card

If you think you are eligible for **School Card** and haven't applied already, please come into the front office to get an application or you can apply online. The closing date for this year's Application for the 2020 school card scheme is the 20th November 2020.

School Card is administered by the Department for Education. Additional information is available at www.sa.gov.au or contact the School Card Section on free call 1800 672 758.

Please Note: Applications for the 2020 School Card Scheme close 20th November 2020.



**MURRAY BRIDGE
ATHLETICS
2020/21 Season**



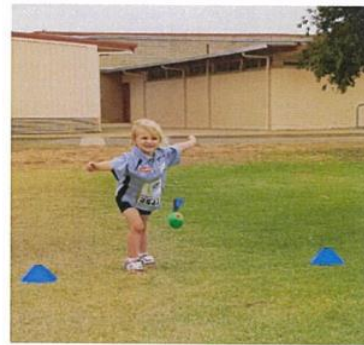
Come & Try Day

Sunday 27th September 2020

Ages: 3 years – 16 years



Only \$3 per
Athlete
Free Sausage
Sizzle for
Athletes



Our first home meet for this season will be a '**Come and Try**' Day on **Sunday 27th September 2020** at the Murray Bridge High School Oval. Commencing with registration from 9:00am, then kick-off at 10am.

Following this day, meets are weekly, beginning **Sunday 11th October 2020**.

For more information head to our Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1556109984667570>

Or contact our President, Dale Martin Ph: 0421 919 215, or

Secretary, Shelyn Wilkinson Ph: 0401 165 240

MURRAY BRIDGE NORTH SCHOOL OSHC & VAC CARE



6:15am - 6:30pm Weekdays
Ph: 8531 0179 or 0417 825 455

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.

Murray Bridge North School OSHC and Vacation Care

October School Holiday Program Monday 28th September to Friday 9th October 2020

for information and bookings please

Phone 8531 0179 ♦ Mobile 0417 825 455 ♦ Email bev.walker944@schools.sa.edu.au

October Vacation Care Program 2020

MONDAY 28th Sept	TUESDAY 29th Sept	WEDNES. 30th Sept	THURSDAY 1st October	FRIDAY 2nd October
Frogs Alive! <i>Making and Creating</i> 	Cameo Excursion Trolls  and Crazy Hair Day 	Adventures with Books  Dress up Day	Chinese Moon Festival 	Spring Creatures 
MONDAY 5th October	TUESDAY 6th October	WEDNES. 7th October	THURSDAY 8th October	FRIDAY 9th October
Closed Public Holiday	OSHC Show Day  Displays Side Show Games Cooking Treasure Hunt	Hip Hip Hooray 	My Own Choice Day 	Excursion Eromanga Performance 

Fees: Full Day \$54.00 Half Day \$34.00 Special Event Day \$74.00 CCS Applies
Fees include lunch and snacks throughout the day unless otherwise stated.

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

“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
September 2020

