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Newsletter Term 3 Week 3

DATES FOR THE DIARY
THURSDAY
5TH AUGUST 2021

[Parent Cyber Safety](#)
[Presentation 6:30pm](#)
Wednesday 30th
June

Postponed

[Flinders Mobile Library](#)
Friday 6th August

[Hockey Clinics](#)
[Reception—Year 6](#)
Monday 9th August

[Year 8/9](#)
[5-a-side soccer at BCDS](#)
Thursday 12th August

[SATAC Presentation](#)
[Year 10s and 11s](#)
Friday 13th August

[Statewide Volleyball](#)
[Years 10—12](#)
Friday 13th August

[National Science Week](#)
Monday 16th—Friday 20th
August

[Subject Counselling](#)
[Year 10s and 11s](#)
Wednesday 18th—Friday
20th August

[Year 11 Work Experience](#)
Monday 23rd —Friday 27th
August

Student Free Day
Thursday 2nd
September

Principals News

Dear Parents & Carers,

South Australia's restrictions have now been eased further. Our collective actions get results! We must be the envy of the other states, even if they aren't willing to admit it. SA Great!

Thank you to all the staff for their amazing agility to respond so quickly to flexible learning. Thank you to the students who were able to embrace that change, and thank you to the parents/carers who were able to manage learning from home and keep our students safe and on-track with their learning. Wearing masks has become the new norm (for now, until further notice). Staff are all very impressed with how our secondary students have accepted that responsibility so willingly.

The risk of COVID-19 circulating through the South Australian community does, however, remain high due to the concerning situation around the delta strain across Australia. The current level of restrictions will be reviewed very regularly. Restrictions will be eased further as soon as it is safe to do so.

From today, Thursday 5 August, the following activities can resume:

- whole school assemblies (adult visitors wear masks);
- choir and dance rehearsals within the school;
- all extra-curricular activities within the school;
- incursions, excursions and intrastate camps;
- events held at offsite venues with approved COVID safe or COVID Management plans;
- events held within the school (such as performances and concerts) providing:
 - * density requirements and [physical distancing](#) requirements are met by all attending adults;
 - * masks are worn by adults and students in years 8 and above who are not performing;
 - * all attendees use the QR code or provide COVID SAfe check in details;
- school sports including interschool sport training, trials and competitions;
- water safety/swimming/aquatic lessons.

The following measures remain in place until further notice:

- all interstate camps and travel are postponed;
- staff and students in years 8 and above must continue to wear masks (unless an exemption has been granted to a student in consultation with parent/carer);
- the number of parents on site will continue to be limited, and when on site they must wear a face mask and practice physical distancing;
- where possible, please hold parent--teacher interviews/meetings online;
- all adults (including staff) must COVID-SAfe check in each time they enter the site.

Due to the changing nature of the pandemic, events, camps and excursions may be cancelled with minimal notice.

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Principal News (cont)

Student Free Day: Thursday 2-Sept

Our site leaders and staff are terribly excited to be able to set up our next student free day for staff professional learning. We will have Rosie Kerin focussing on Literacy, and Helen Booth from the Maths Association of SA focusing on Numeracy. Collective teacher-efficacy is one of the biggest drivers in learning improvement, which is essentially the goal of our Site Improvement Plan. There will be no services to supervise or teach students on-site on that day. In setting this up I did consult with other schools in our partnership but unfortunately couldn't get our days to match with theirs. The day has been endorsed by the Governing Council and also our Education Director, Carol Williams.

School Closure Day: Friday 10-Sept (PROPOSED AND PENDING APPROVAL)

The Royal Adelaide Show is considered a community event of significance across SA, and we are entitled to have 1 school closure day each year, whether it be for The Show or another local peak event such as the Paskeville Field Day. To facilitate families who may wish to attend The Show, the Friday creates a 'long weekend' opportunity. The Governing Council and our Education Director are yet to arrive at a final decision, but it might be worth marking your calendar in case they do. Orroroo Area School already have that day approved and I believe Melrose PS will also be applying for a closure on the same day.

Sentral—Continuous assessment

Now that Sentral has ironed out the wrinkles with the continuous assessment, teachers of secondary students will be using the continuous assessment facility. One of our Improvement goals is linked to students being positive in the way they respond to feedback. Continuous Assessment provides feedback regularly to not only students but parents/carers. Isn't that much better than waiting for the 'post-mortem' of an end of semester report? So we actively encourage parents/carers to monitor your child/ren's achievements, and be a strong link in the learning partnership opportunity this creates. Any issues with Sentral, please raise them with us because we really want this platform to function optimally.

Sentral—general information

Please note that all letters sent home with students are now also uploaded into the Sentral platform, creating easier access for parents and students. These can be found under the School Resources tab, school letters 2021, on the left hand side of the Sentral portal. Please contact us if you need help with this.

Swift Technology - laptops 2022

Booleroo Centre District School has now been successfully upgraded to SWiFT Network Technologies, with our site router now replaced, connecting us to the **SWiFT portal**, offering advanced web-filtering and cyber-welfare capability.

Benefits of the SWiFT portal

- Greater visibility and control of our school's online activity;
 - Ability to create and manage content students access online;
 - In depth analyses of online content through easy and secure reporting function;
- Proactive and preventative support for student engagement and wellbeing.

As confidence grows in the network re-build that we are experiencing, we move closer to a point where we consider rolling out a laptop-purchase scheme for our secondary students as a priority. Primary classes will benefit because of the easing of pressure on the existing computer suites. The ICT committee are looking at various options and I look forward to discussing how we can adopt best-model practice for our students and staff. With Christmas on the way, maybe a laptop in the stocking will be a wonderful investment in your child's learning?

I was making a quick shopping trip to Pirie on Sunday, and made a slight detour to Telowie Gorge. I was really delighted that I did. There is so much water flowing through the gorge, it felt like I had been teleported to Tasmania. I hope you and your families can check out our gorges while they are flowing and looking so idyllic.

Have a great week!

Peter Blackburn | Principal, BCDS

Kindy News

It was wonderful to see our Kindy children after the two weeks holiday. The children were happy to connect with their friends again and get down to the important work of learning through play.



Our Kindy Olympics are carried out with as much enthusiasm as the athletes in Tokyo. The children look at images collected from the newspaper and we have conversations about the sports and the Olympics games. Our Kindy athletes have so far impressed us with their willing participation in baseball, a running race, shot put and long jump.

This term we are introducing an Acknowledgement of Country, “Eat a Rainbow” healthy eating program, sharing of our children’s favourite book and constant learning experiences offering a variety of opportunities that promote literacy and numeracy learning. Our PQIP goal is *“For children to extend their Numeracy learning (with a focus on Place and Space) through investigation, research and play.* This week children have been exploring a story table of “Rosie’s Walk” by Pat Hutchins, for its use of directional language.

Thank you to our families for your support during the state-wide lockdown, firstly with the great responses we received of the Kindy children’s learning at home. It always made our day and with the care and considerations you continue to show for others by using the QR codes, hand sanitiser, masks and physical distancing. Please always be mindful of others around us who may be vulnerable to illness by keeping unwell children home until they are better. Now more than ever, we need your support with this.

“A kind of Magic happens when you trust, respect and honour the ideas of children”. (Unknown)



The Kindy Team



School News

Year 9/10 Tech – Lockdown Edition

The difficulties learning a subject that is practical and hands on when in lockdown were overcome by the Year 9/10 Tech class. The class spent the week-long lockdown building model houses using paddle pop sticks, glue and glue guns. The students had to do a rough sketch before building the model and then concluded by doing a finished sketch of the house. I would like to thank the students for their efforts to complete the task at home. The class whole heartedly agrees that being in the school workshop is much more beneficial to their learning, but we proved we could do some practical based learning at home.

Leigh Wade,

Tech Studies Teacher



Secondary News

Assessment Processes for Primary and Secondary Students – semester 2.

It seems that Sentral have fixed the problem with the Continuous Assessment section of their app, so we will resume our reporting for secondary students using this process. Thank you for your patience throughout this trial period. We trust that things will run smoothly for us this semester.

This is the secondary assessment schedule:

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
7-10			
Student-Led Conference (Stoplight assessment)	Written Report (A-E grade, effort & attitude assessment; no written report as in the past)	7-9 Student-Led Conference (Stoplight assessment) Year 10 SLLC - Subject Counselling	Written Report (A-E grade, effort & attitude assessment; no written report as in the past)
Continuous Assessment (4-6 tasks)		Continuous Assessment (4-6 tasks)	
SACE - Years 11-12			
11-12 Stoplight assessment	11-12 Written Report (A-E grade, effort)	11-12 Stoplight assessment	Year 11 Written Report (A-E grade, effort) Year 12 SARs
Continuous Assessment (of tasks as required by SACE Board)		Continuous Assessment (of tasks as required by SACE Board)	

The Primary students and teachers are preparing for their student-led learning conferences at the end of term 3 and will provide a written report at the end of term 4.

It is wonderful to hear of the connection with the year R/1 and year 7/8 classes in preparing for the student-led conferences. We are so impressed with the way the older students take their responsibility seriously and the way the younger students accept their assistance.

Thank you to the teachers who are facilitating this process.

Subject Counselling for 2022

We are currently in the process of surveying student choices for their study in 2022. Initial subject selection sheets have been given to each student and are due back tomorrow, Friday 6th August. From the students' initial selections, subjects which will run in 2022 will be decided.

We are offering students a broad range of options, particularly in the senior years. The options students are exploring are a result of investigations into their personal and learning goals. They may include subjects offered at BCDS, distance learning with our MNSEC schools, and vocational education and training (VET) options. We are striving to meet the needs of students in presenting the range of options available.

Important dates to remember: August 18th -20th 2021 Individual Subject Counselling meetings (Year 10/11 students and families).

To meet the needs of individual students, we will be holding meetings on the dates above. Parents, please make an appointment time to meet with the subject counselling team. This can be done on Sentral in the Interviews section.

Work Experience

Year 11 – Week 6 (August 23-27th)

Year 10 – Week 1, Term 4 (October 11th -15th)

Work Experience paper work has been given to each student. Initial paperwork was sent out in term 1, but may be lost. If you have not yet seen any paperwork, please contact the school and we will send some to you. The year 11 paperwork will need to be in by the middle of week 5 at the latest (Tuesday, 17th August).

We believe the work experience program offers students the opportunity to engage with adults out of school and builds confidence and resilience in a different environment. Students are encouraged to find work experience in an area they are considering as a future pathway, but the personal benefits are also evident for those students where placements in some industries/careers are not possible.

Secondary News (cont)

SATAC

In the next couple of weeks, students in years 10 & 11 will be involved in presentations from the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC). These workshops enable students to understand the process for application for university and TAFE.

Open Days

The universities are offering open days this weekend and online. Students have been encouraged to apply for online sessions if they are unable to go to Adelaide. A grant of \$200 has been offered to students to assist them in travelling to Adelaide for the Open Days if they are interested in any degrees relating to health. Please see Kathy for further details.

The TAFE Open Days will be advertised later in the term.

Kathy Kupke, Senior School Coordinator

Year 8/9 MNSEC Footy



In term 2, the 8/9 MNSEC footy team ventured down to Nuriootpa to play the second round of Statewide Football by taking on Reynella East College and Nuri High.

The first game we played was against Reynella East and despite kicking into a stiff breeze, the MNSEC team were only down by 9 points at the end of the first half. In the second half we had the breeze at our backs; unfortunately Reynella made the most of their opportunities and outscored us to take home the win.

The second game we came up against Nuriootpa High School who had previously beat Reynella East College reasonably easy, so we knew we were in for a tough task. In the first half, Nuri High kicked with the breeze and scored easily to take a large lead into half time. When it was our turn kicking with the wind, we managed to play better footy but Nuri High were too strong for us and outscored us 2 goals to 1 in the second half.

Overall, we were unable to get a win on the day but the MNSEC team represented themselves admirably. Well done to Connor McCallum, Joel Voigt, Rydah Cheriton and Harrison Roocke for representing our school so positively. A special thanks to all the parents that got the players to Nuri on time (about a 3-hour drive with heaps of roadworks for most of us). Also, thanks to Nuriootpa High School for hosting the event which was well organised and ran without any hiccups.

Thanks,

Leigh Wade

(MNSEC 8/9 Boys Coach)

Cyber Safety Parent Presentation

Unfortunately, the Cyber Safety Presentation, presented by SAPOL has been put on hold for the time being as SAPOL have had to deploy officers to the border for border control. Hopefully, the presentation can be rescheduled for later in the year.

Chloe Clarke - Wellbeing

SRC News

Proposed SRC Events for Term 3 – some of these dates/events may change depending on COVID restrictions and other school events.

5-a-side Soccer Carnival – Thursday 12th August Wk 4

SRC will have a canteen for all soccer players. We will also be providing a BBQ lunch for all players and BCDS students.

CANTEEN – for players only

Pie \$4

Pasty \$4

Sausage Roll \$4

Ham and cheese toastie \$4

Can/Water \$2

Fruitbox \$1

Gatorade/Powerade \$4

Zooper dooper 50c

Tea/coffee \$2

Assorted cakes and slice 50c or \$1

BBQ LUNCH – for players and all BCDS students

Steak sandwich \$4

Sausage \$2

Cans/Water \$2

Fruitbox \$1

Pizza and Milkshake Day – Thursday 19th August Wk 5

Fundraiser for the *Make A Wish Foundation*

Pizza - \$3

Milkshake - \$3 – **BRING YOUR OWN CUP**

R U OK Day – Thursday 9th September Wk 8

Wear blue and bring a gold coin donation to show support – SRC Presentation in the gym

Anti-Poverty Day – Friday 10th September Wk 8

Have lunch, play some games and support Operation Christmas Child

Cross Country Colour Cup – Friday 19th September Wk 9

Wear your white shirt and take part in our obstacle course or cross country!

We are looking forward to a busy but fun-filled term! More information will be provided as each event is locked in.

Leticia and Eliza
SRC Presidents

School News

Sapsasa News

Attached below is the updated Term 3 Sapsasa Calendar (subject to change). As information becomes available, it will be sent home to students who nominated for the events at the beginning of the school year.

Thank you,

Kate Fitzgerald, Sapsasa Coordinator

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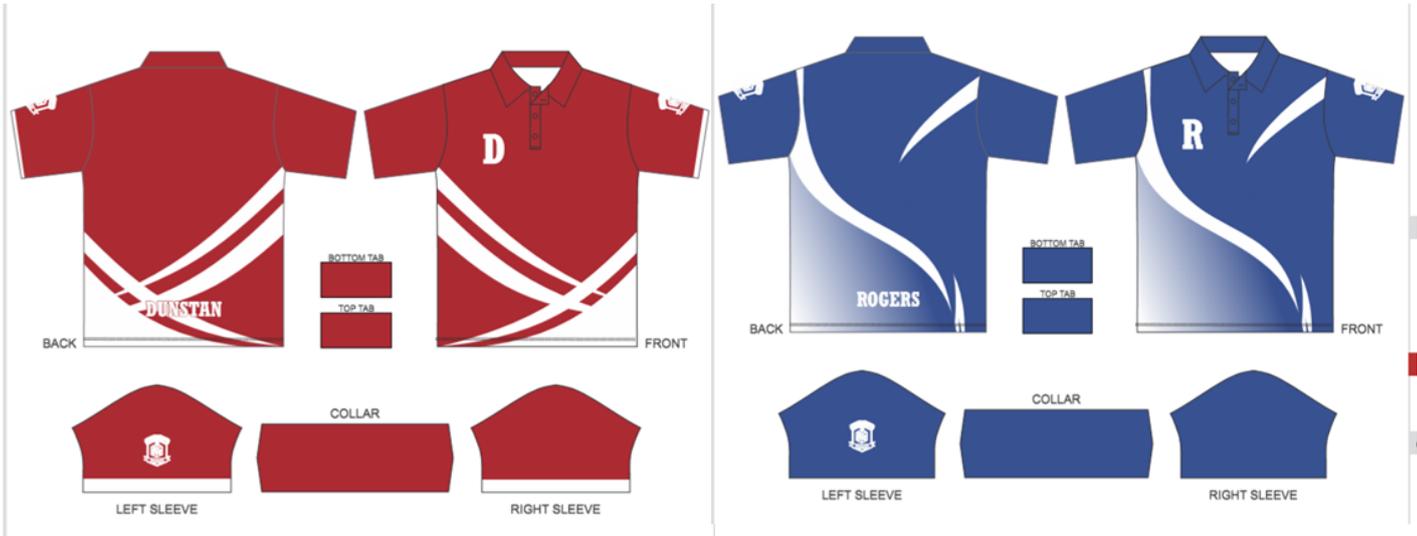
	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
1	19/7	20/7	21/7	22/7	23/7
2	26/7	27/7	28/7	29/7	30/7
3	2/8	3/8	4/8	5/8	6/8
4	9/8	10/8	11/8 SOCCER 4PM @CB	12/8 HOCKEY 4PM @CB	13/8
5	16/8	17/8 GOLF 10AM GLADSTONE	18/8	19/8	20/8
6	23/8 GIRLS AFL 4PM @CB	24/8 ATHLETICS 10AM @JCS	25/8	26/8	27/8 BBALL FINALS KADINA
7	30/8 HOCKEY/SOCCER ADELAIDE	31/8	1/9	2/9 TENNIS SA CARNIVAL JT	3/9
8	6/9 GIRLS AFL 4PM @CB	7/9 TENNIS/CRICKET TRIAL DAY @JT 10AM	8/9	9/9	10/9
9	13/9	14/9 TENNIS/CRICKET 4PM @ JT	15/9	16/9	17/9
10	20/9 ADELAIDE ATHLETICS	21/9	22/9	23/9	24/9

NEW HOUSE COLOUR TEAM SHIRTS!

The uniform committee has been busy designing new polo shirts for students to wear at school house events and for physical education classes. These are optional uniform items.

The polo shirts are made from a cool mesh fabric and are the same sizing as our current school Polo Shirts.

The cost of the shirts are \$35. To order a polo shirt please do so **BEFORE Friday 20th August , week 5** to Mrs Waters in the finance office or through the Qkr App. Polo Shirts must be paid for when ordered. Polo shirts take approximately six weeks to produce.



Booleroo Centre District School



Tax Invoice
ABN 54 284 320 489

Sports Polo Shirt Order Form

Name: _____

No.	Size	Please circle House Team	\$35 each
		Dunstan / Rogers	
		Total Enclosed	\$

Please return to school BEFORE Friday 20th August, Week 5

No late orders can be accepted.

Orders can also be placed through the Qkr App