

# CYSnews

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# OUR PUPIL FREE DAY

Grant Keleher | Principal



**O**n Tuesday the 14th of April the Southern Yorke Schools came together for a common pupil free day. The theme of the pupil free day was moderation of the Australian Curriculum. Moderation is a process that encourages staff accountability.

Staff from our site showed their assessment tasks and portfolio's of student work to other teachers outside of our community and received feedback on the quality of their planning and marking. As part of the process they are planning common units to be taught and assessed across schools. We do this to improve the performance of our staff and to also promote consistency across not only our school, but the Southern Yorke Peninsula

as well. Staff will gather student portfolio's from common units which they will present at the next Pupil Free Day later in the year.

## **KNOCKOUT SAPSASA CRICKET.**

From a parent request, we entered a SAPSASA team into the Knockout Competition. Congratulations to the Year 6/7 boys who took part in the game last Monday. While we were unable to beat our opponents, the boys represented their school proudly displaying our school values



and sportsmanship to both the opposition and one another. The students who are mostly Year 6 have already begun planning for next year's competition. As the year progresses we hope to have more students displaying their sporting talent to other schools in different sports.

## WEEK 6 CHECKS

In the next week or so you will be receiving a letter on the progress that your child is making within their subjects. This is not a grade, but a guide to how your child is progressing. Parents, whose students we feel are at risk will also receive a letter asking to make an appointment at our upcoming Parent/Teacher night.

If you are concerned with the progress of your child then I encourage you to also make an appointment for parent teacher night. If you would like a response sooner, then I ask you to contact the subject or Home Group teacher beforehand. Early intervention is the key improving student results and enjoying student success. More information about our parent teacher night will be available in our next newsletter.



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## ON THE FRONT COVER

The R-6 Splash Carnival was great fun and an ideal opportunity to show off all the skills learned in swimming lessons.





## ATTENDANCE

There is a direct relationship between attendance and school achievement. Students are required to attend school every day except if they are sick. When a student is absent, a note from a parent explaining their absence is an expectation.

Our whole school attendance in 2017 was 89.5. The DECD target is 95%, leaving plenty of room for improvement, we still have way too many students missing school days on a regular basis.

DECD consider 5 days off a term to be habitual, 10 days chronic.

We (families and the school) need to work together to help students to understand the importance of being at school whenever possible, and that trivial reasons for absence are not sufficient to discharge parents' legal responsibilities. The "family" reason is used too much from parents at our school. It is unacceptable to use this reason if it is a child's birthday or because you went to Adelaide on a "social expedition". This sets a poor example for your child about

accountability and obligations and does not cover a family legally. DECD consider 10 days "family" chronic.

School and parents have a legal responsibility to account for the whereabouts of young people daily (and in the evenings as well).

## LATENESS

Over the last few weeks there has been an increase in the number of students arriving late to school. I understand that things happen at home; therefore I ask that if your child is late then please write a note in the diary or call the school and let the front office know.

When students miss the start of school, they miss important information about the day ahead or important subject matter to make them successful in their learning.

It becomes frustrating for teachers and students to have to re-explain themselves because students are too lazy to get out of bed 5 minutes earlier.



When a student is late it is process they see me and tell me the reason as to why they are late. Students that are habitually late (more than 3 times in a term) with no note will be required to make up lost time.

Should you require support in saying NO to your son/daughter on their attendance, lateness or any other issue please contact us immediately.

We can all work together to make a difference to your student's' future

## READING TO CHILDREN

Reading is one of our main improvement priorities for Central Yorke, it is also probably the most important skill our students need and one that can make the most difference to all our children's lives. At CYS we are working in many areas that are designed to improve the reading ability of our students.

As a parent I can't impress upon you the critical importance of reading every day with your child (note I didn't simply say 'listen to your child'). This can involve –

- Predicting or telling the story based on pictures

- Reading in one voice (theatre reading)
- Using post it notes to hide certain words to encourage prediction
- Critically re-read the same text and develop fluency, expression
- It is OK for all ages for the parent to skim read and summarise the text (for less able readers, this provides a rough map of the text)
- It's OK to introduce some challenging words you have found in the book and 'teach' them beforehand
- Summarise the book – who were the characters, where was it set? What other books/movies did it remind you of?

Have fun sharing books with your children, if they haven't seen you read a book, you have already impressed upon them a powerful lesson (maybe not the one you intended).

Until next time

Grant Keleher



YEAR 12  
*Aquatics Camp*





In Week 5 of this term our SACE Physical Education students participated in an Aquatics program at Port Vincent.

## YEAR 12 COURSE

As part of their Year 12 course, our Stage 2 Physical Education students combined with students from Minlaton District School and together completed a 3-day sailing course that not only tested them physically but also mentally.

They were put through a comprehensive program where they were required to learn and apply their skills in rigging, getting away and returning to shore, capsizing, man-overboard recovery, points of sail, tacking, gybing and initiating tactics.

## TESTING SKILLS

Although it was a very exhausting and mentally draining three days for our Year 12 students, I was extremely proud of the resilience and teamwork shown as they worked tirelessly through their skills criteria.

Our Year 11 students were also put through a strenuous 3-day program that allowed them to learn new skills in kayaking, snorkelling and sailing.

**Andrew Mills | Year 12 PE**





# Jesus Racing

We had a small taste of the Clipsal on Friday as the Jesus Racing team ute pulled onto the school grounds in Maitland. The roar of the engine captured attention and students came running to check it out. Obviously it was a *replica* ute of the one raced, but it was still great to be up close!







Throughout the year I have the privilege of organising Christian Option/ Values presentations to visit our school, and when Jesus Racing became available following their Clipsal races, I didn't pass the opportunity up. The last time they visited was in March of 2012.

## 7-12 SEMINAR

Although all students could check the ute out, view the trophy they won at the Clipsal and get a poster signed by race driver Andrew 'Fishtail' Fisher, the seminar was

presented to the Year 7-12's. The Lutheran School Year 7-9's also joined us in this great presentation. Andrew Fisher is not just a successful race driver, he has also had a successful business career where he has provided strategic advice to hundreds of companies and was also the CEO of a public company.

These days 'Fishtail', as he is known, spends his time between racing cars at up to 299k/hr and communicating to over 20,000 High Schools students and thousands of inmates at jails and detention centres across the





country. He has raced V8 Supercars, V8 Utes, Porsche's, BMW, Lotus' and is currently racing the most famous car in Australian Motor Sport history, an XYGT in the Touring Car Master series.

## COURAGEOUS DECISIONS

He has won lots of races but more importantly he inspires others to take control of their lives and to make courageous decisions in the face of difficulty. During the session he addressed many life choices that young people face today and gave us statistics and facts that follow decisions,

and encouraged them to think about their choices rather than making impulse or reflex decisions. He also shared his personal story where he had to make a courageous decision involving his daughters' life and how he continues to live that out each day.

It was great to be one of the few schools visited in SA, to enjoy an encouraging presentation and checkout the Ute free of charge, as it was fully funded by Life Choice Foundation. I hope students feel empowered to make courageous choices in life.

**Kelly Whittaker | School Chaplain**



# SRC TRAINING DAY

Andrew Mills | SRC Liaison Teacher



**O**n Friday of Week 6, our SRC Team participated in an intensive training day at our Maitland Campus for a team-building and training day.

Together we identified the qualities that build successful teams, discussed our individual roles and responsibilities, rehearsed meeting procedures, set-up our working committees, developed skills in planning events and motivating others and identified the immediate needs of our school which will be our driving force as we begin to plan activities to address them.

Our team also had a relaxing lunch at a local cafe and took-part in a range of challenges that provided our SRC with opportunities to showcase their leadership skills in a competitive and practical setting.

Overall the day was fun and rewarding and instilled further confidence in our individual members to be able to contribute and work together as a team in order to achieve our goals in 2017.





# 2017 Splash Carnival

We held our 2017 R-6 Splash Carnival early on Friday March 3 to avoid the hot weather that had been promised for the day.

As always, there was an enthusiastic crowd of parents and grandparents and an eager and energetic pool of competitors.

Class enjoyed the new events and the competitive nature which saw the Sharks - again - beating the Eagles by a substantial 10 points.

Congratulations to all students on their outstanding involvement, sportsmanship and swimming skills.

Thank you to Principal Grant Keleher for opening and compering our event and to Mrs Julie Adams for presenting the cup.

Well done to House Captains Ollie, Isabel, Aidan and Annabelle for your help and leadership throughout the day.







# Track & Field

Our Long Run, Long Jump and Javelin events are held prior to sportsday so student athletes are at their best for the demanding day.

The Long Jump and Javelin were held early on Monday March 6 with overcast conditions helping athletes.

The Long Run, with events ranging from 80m sprints for the youngest through to the gruelling 1500m for the oldest students was held on Thursday March 9.

Conditions were warm to hot, but that didn't stop enthusiastic students from achieving personal bests.

Thank you to all the staff and parents who organised and officiated on the day and to the families who supported students in the spectator area.









# MAITLAND SHOW

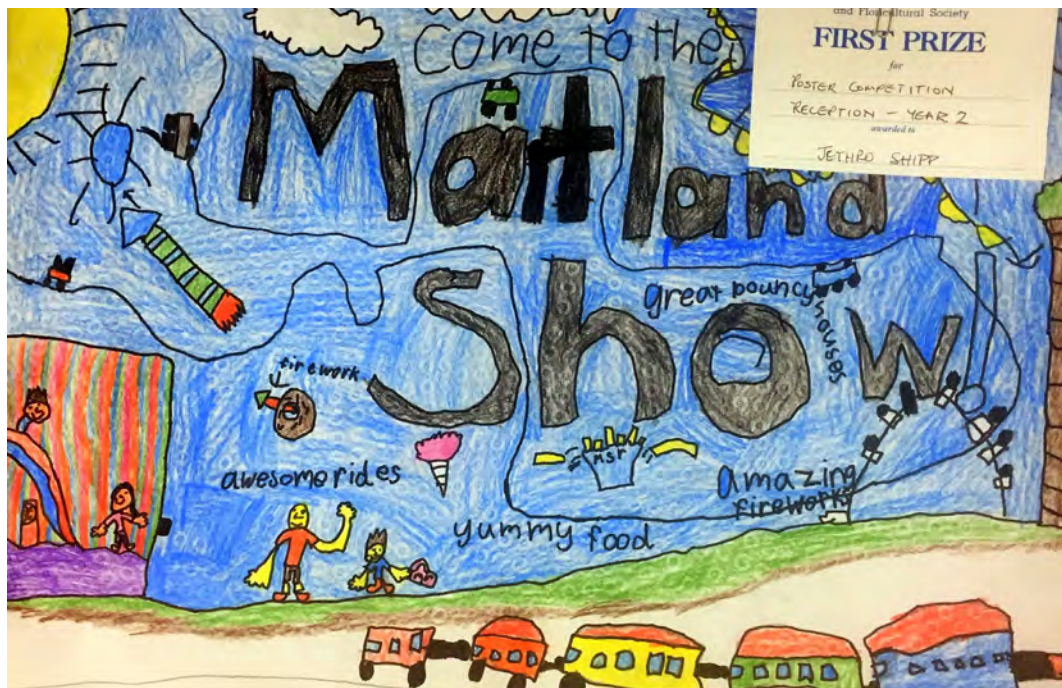
CYS students were well represented at the 2017 Maitland Show with a vibrant and comprehensive display in the schools shed and with entries in the various prize categories. Thank you to Trevor Allen for all his help in transporting and mounting our display boards and to the staff and students who collected photos, artwork and writing then sorted, arranged and mounted them on the boards.

Well done to:

- Jethro Ship (1st prize, R-2 Poster Competition)
- Sophie Heinrich (1st prize, 6-7 Poster Competition)
- Isis Schulte (2nd prize, R-2 Poster Competition)
- Bethany Hollams (3rd Prize, Painting)
- Orlando Reddin (2nd Prize, Drawing)

Congratulations to Ali Adams and her Garden-to-Plate students who won prizes in the vegetable section: your fine produce is a credit to you all!

**Tim Tuck | Innovation Coordinator**











## YEAR 8

The Year 8 students are going 'Round the World'. Here they are baking Mexican/ Spanish Churros with chocolate and butterscotch sauces



### *Churros*

## YEAR 9/10

Year 9/10s are making 'Family Favourites'. The first recipe was baked potatoes with different toppings



### *Baked Potatoes*

# Home Economics

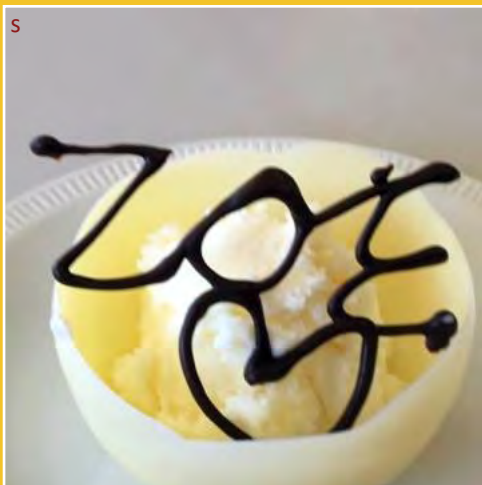
## YEAR 11/12 FOOD & HOSPITALITY

Year 11 & 12 Food and Hospitality started the year making some fancy pancakes. They also had a bit of fun practicing their



*Fancy Pancakes*

chocolate decoration skills: Mickey Mouse cleverly created by Louise Lawler. White Chocolate bowl created by Zoe Howse. Chocolate basket created by Olivia Dyett.



*Chocolate Decorations*

# A STEM *design* CHALLENGE

Tim Tuck | Innovation Coordinator

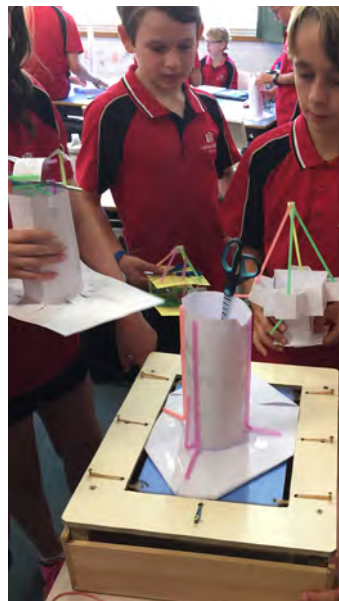
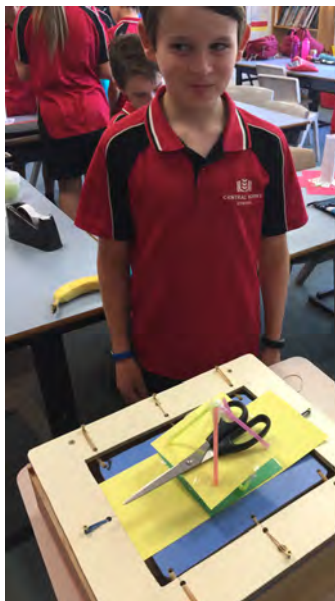


**T**he Year 6 class have been studying Earthquakes in Science and after viewing video footage of fallen buildings, are now working on a STEM design challenge:

**'Construct a tower from available materials that will support a pair of scissors without falling while being shaken for at least 10 seconds by the 'Earthquake Machine'.'**

You can see some of the students test towers in the photos. A variety of construction methods were used and wide range of approaches to the problem explored. Once placed on the (impartial!) Machine students quickly saw flaws in their designs and ways in which to improve their towers.

We then compared the students' designs to real-life solutions engineers are using in countries such as Japan and we will incorporate those ideas in the next series of models, which will have stricter constraints on construction materials, joining materials and loads.





# CONCERT BAND UPDATE



The YP Schools Concert Band have begun rehearsals for 2017 with new students, new instruments and new music, included a suite of Irish themes.

We've welcomed a number of younger students from the different schools and its wonderful to see their determination to master the more difficult music.

As always we are thankful for the families, teaching staff and community members who support both the band and the students. Without their help there would be no band!

We rehearse each Wednesday afternoon from 3.30- 5pm in the CYS Performing Arts Centre and visitors are very welcome.

**Tim Tuck, Band Manager**

## CENTRAL YORKE SCHOOL

Lily Dyett (Flute)  
Stephanie Gersch (Clarinet)  
Macy Poole (Clarinet)  
Elizabeth Dodd (Flute)  
Aiden Shipp (Alto Sax)  
Kira Davies (Trumpet)  
Bethany Hollams (Clarinet)  
Alice Burrows (Clarinet)  
Sarah Townsend (Trumpet)  
Tim Tuck (Bass)  
Kelly Whittaker (Tenor Sax)

## ARDROSSAN AREA SCHOOL

Chelsea Purnell (Flute)  
Leah Rowe (Alto Saxophone)  
Jemma Tornsey (Clarinet)  
Jasmine Smith (Clarinet)  
Courtney Lodge (Percussion)  
Sara Hillier (Alto Saxophone)  
Georgia Lodge (Alto Saxophone)  
Roger Bowden (Trumpet)  
Alanna Herd (Tenor Saxophone)  
Paige Flutey (Flute)  
Mollie Rowntree (Tenor Sax)  
Ebony Wheare (Clarinet)  
Olivia Ephgrave (Trumpet)  
Nathan Rowe (Trombone)  
Kimberly McKibbin (Flute)  
Anastasia Gorden (Clarinet)  
Megan Purnell (Alto Sax)

Elisha Carter (Alto Sax)  
Jorja Winen (Flute)  
Emma Whittaker (Flute)  
Lori McClelland (Bari Saxophone)

## IMS

Debbie Schwartz (Conductor)

## COMMUNITY

Malcolm Kinch (Trombone)  
Linda Kinch (Alto Saxophone)  
Lin Morris (Flute)  
Di Morgan (Percussion)

## YORKETOWN AREA SCHOOL

Sarah Davies (Clarinet)  
Leah Morgan (Clarinet)  
Christie Starr (Flute)  
Helen Stockings (Trumpet)

## CURRAMULKA PRIMARY

William Pointon (Percussion)

## MAITLAND LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Kathryn Adams (Flute)  
Lewis Schwartz (Percussion)

## MINLATON DISTRICT

Carol Wilkin (Clarinet/Flute)  
Jenna Germaine (Alto Saxophone)  
Georgia Stanley (Alto Saxophone)  
Courtney Voight (Trumpet)  
Eb Churchill (Flute)  
Esther Short (Clarinet)  
Tim Daniell (Alto Saxophone)

A central graphic features white silhouettes of athletes in various poses: a high jumper, a long jumper, a sprinter, a pole vaulter, and a hurdler. These silhouettes are set against a background of radiating red and blue lines that converge towards the center, creating a sense of dynamic movement and energy.

# SA ATHLETICS ACADEMY

**STARTING SUNDAY, 30TH APRIL 2017**

**LOCATION:** SA Athletics Stadium, 145 Railway Terrace, Mile End 5031

**SQUADS:** Bronze, Silver and Gold

**TIMES:** Gold (11am-2pm), Silver (12pm-3:45pm),  
Bronze (2:15pm-4:45pm)

## WHY SHOULD YOU BE INVOLVED?

1. Open to ALL athletes from 9-19 years old!
2. Commitment of only one Sunday a month for 8 months.
3. Catered for ALL athletes - beginners to elite.
4. Coaching delivered by highly skilled and experienced coaches in all track and field events to improve the athletes overall athletic ability.
5. Educational theory sessions for Silver and Gold Squads.

Proudly supported by:



**FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO REGISTER, VISIT:**

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[athleticssa.com.au/SAAthleticsAcademy](http://athleticssa.com.au/SAAthleticsAcademy)



# CROSS COUNTRY & WALKS

## Holiday Development Clinic

### April 2017



***Open to ALL athletes aged 8 to 17 years!***

The clinic involves the opportunity to learn from highly qualified and experienced Cross Country and Walks coaches, who will provide training tips and programs to best prepare athletes for the upcoming winter athletics season.

#### CROSS COUNTRY

**Date:** Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th April

**Time:** 9:00AM - 12:30PM (each day)

**Location:** SA Athletics Stadium, 145 Railway Terrace, Mile End SA 5031

#### **Cost:**

- One Day (Wednesday or Thursday) - \$25.00
- Both Days (Wednesday & Thursday) - \$40.00

#### **Training Focus Sessions:**

##### WEDNESDAY

- Interval training
- Technique

##### THURSDAY

- Pacing
- Hill climbing

#### WALKS

**Date:** Wednesday 26th April 2017

**Time:** 9:00AM - 12:30PM

**Location:** Same as Cross Country

**Cost:** \$25.00

#### **Training Focus Sessions:**

- Technique Development
- Training Programs
- How to Race

For more information or to register, head to [www.salaa.org.au/holidayclinics](http://www.salaa.org.au/holidayclinics) or [athleticssa.com.au/holidayclinics](http://athleticssa.com.au/holidayclinics)

Contact: Little Athletics SA (08 8352 8133) or Athletics SA (08 8354 3477)



# SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

## P & F BULBS FUNDRAISER

A reminder that orders for our bulb fund-raiser are due back at school on March 20

Linda Heinrich

## COUGARS FOOTBALL CLUB TRAININGS

Senior colts practices are Tuesday and Thursday nights 5:15pm. Junior Colts Practice will start 4pm Thursday the 16th March.

Under 12's and Under 10's practice will start 3:30pm Thursday the 23rd March.

Auskick practice will start Thursday 4th May at 3:30pm. Any queries to Tim Schwartz 0428 363 242

Tim Schwartz

## MAITLAND HOCKEY CLUB

The Maitland Hockey Club invites all minis, junior colts and senior colts players and their families to our first practice and info afternoon Thursday 23rd March at 3.30pm on the Central Yorke School oval.

Please bring your sticks, shin pads and mouth guards. New players always welcome.

Inquiries to Karen Crawford 0439031139

Karen Crawford

*Help the Yorke Peninsula become  
an Allergy Smart Community*

*"We are excited to announce The Food Allergy Smart Education Program will be coming to the Yorke Peninsula! I will be holding 5 events in 24 hours. We have local schools and childcare centres all participating, plus we have a community event happening on the 29th March. We hope to have many parents, carers, extended family, business owners, sports coaches, food service and community members all join us for my talk on Caring For Children With Food Allergies - raising awareness in YOUR community."*

*Jackie Nevard- My Food Allergy Friends.*

*Please share with staff members, customers and throughout your business, service & team*

*A chosen representative may be an option to attend*

**--FREE EVENT--**

*Thanks to the generosity and fundraising from Yorketown Community Children's Centre Governing Council Committee*



More info- Bec Smith

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# FOOD ALLERGY SMART

## Education Program

### FREE INFORMATION EVENING

Practical Tips for Living with Allergies & Anaphylaxis

Hosted by

**Jackie Nevard**

author and founder  
of

My Food Allergy Friends

#### Covering

- The top 9 allergens
- Tips for grandparents and family
- Tips for educators and teachers - inclusive classroom
- Anaphylaxis, Action Plans and reporting a reaction
- Impact of allergic disease on children and family
- Practical tips for starting kindy and school
- EpiPen fear and how to overcome this
- Real life stories

7.00 - 8.30pm

ST. COLUMB'S MEMORIAL  
SCHOOL HALL

Wednesday 29 March 2017

55 Warooka Road  
(& Marno Street entrance)  
Yorketown SA 5576

RSVP: [info@myfoodallergyfriends.com](mailto:info@myfoodallergyfriends.com)

## FOOD ALLERGIES CARING FOR CHILDREN



[www.myfoodallergyfriends.com.au](http://www.myfoodallergyfriends.com.au)

Jackie does not provide any medical advice. Proper medical advice should always be sought for any child with an allergy. The information is not intended as, nor should it be considered a substitute for, professional medical advice, diagnosis or treatment of any kind. Always seek the advice of a qualified health provider or allergist with any questions you may have regarding a medical condition. You assume full responsibility and liability for your own actions.



*March 8 was school photographs day and everyone was dressed up to look their best in their red and black school tops. It was also our first CYS whole-school photo. This is how it happened...*

# PhotoStory: **Photos**







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## CALENDAR DATES

### MARCH

- 16 Sports Day
- 17 Primary Assembly - 6M
- 21 Harmony Day
- 23 SYP Primary Sports Day at Yorketown
- 28 Governing Council
- 29 Secondary Sportsday
- 30 Backup secondary sportsday
- 31 Primary Assembly - 4/5MD

### APRIL

- 10 Youth Week  
Mile End Athletics  
SAASTA TAFE

- 14 Good Friday  
Last day of Term 1

- 15 Holidays begin
- 30 Last day of holidays

### MAY

- 1 First day of Term 2
- 11 CYS Cross Country
- 24 8/9 Footy at Maitland
- 30 8/9 Netball at Maitland  
Power Cup

### JUNE

- 8 Music Is Fun Band
- 12 Queens Birthday
- 13 SYP Pupil Free Day
- 15 Open Basketball - Minlaton
- 28 PBL Exhibition Evening

### JULY

- 3-7 Youth Week
- 3-7 SAASTA TAFE
- 7 Last day of Term 2



## LIBRARY OPENING TIMES

Monday	12.00 - 7.00
Tuesday	9.30 - 4.30
Wednesday	9.30 - 4.30
Thursday	12.00 - 7.00
Friday	10.00 - 4.30