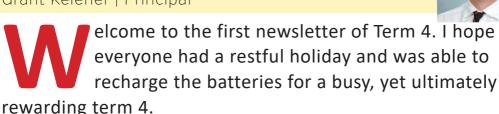


Showcasing Our School

Grant Keleher | Principal



OPEN DAY

Last Wednesday was our open day.

We had over 140 families visit the school to see our students in action and culminate our Paddock to Plate program.

I was honoured enough to conduct a Principal's tour in which many a memory was shared. The new Early Learning Centre proved a hit and the students loved the learning journey with our visitors.

After a short morning tea we had our grandparents and students read to each other. This brought back many memories of the times I spent with my grandparents reading. Both grandies and students had a ball and showcased the strength of our school community.

ON THE FRONT COVER

Young visitors Mia Davies and Eva Palin pose with our Ag Block scarecrow at the 2016 Garden Party Open Day.



What really made this a special time were the grandies who read with students they didn't know, just so our students didn't miss out.

A big thankyou must go to our parents and friends and friends of the library that made our open day a possibility.



PUBLIC EDUCATION AWARDS

I was lucky enough to attend the Public Education Excellence in Teaching awards during the holidays where our very own Sarah Atkinson was a finalist.

The night showcased the amazing work our teachers do and while Sarah did not win the top prize, to be recognised in the top six teachers in the state is a massive achievement and a testament to the effort and work that Sarah puts into her work here.

On behalf of the school and community Sarah, we say well done and thankyou for what you do.

WORLD TEACHERS DAY FRIDAY OCTOBER 28TH

Every day in hundreds of classrooms across the State, teachers share their knowledge with more than 170,000 school students. When knowledge is shared, skills are gained and students' lives can be changed. World Teachers Day is a day set aside every year for children, students and old scholars to say thank you to their teachers. We had ours last Friday and I personally want to thank Maitland Area School teachers for their dedication and commitment to maintaining the highest standards in public education.

PUPIL FREE DAY MONDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

Reminder we will be having a Pupil Free Day on Monday 28th November. On this day Staff will be engaged in reviewing 2016 achievement and perception data, team target reviews and starting planning and setting targets for 2017. They will also use this time to refine our curriculum and look into problem based learning as timetabled lessons.





SCHOOL FEEDBACK

As part of our review journey, we are always looking for ways that we can improve. I have attached a link to a short parent opinion survey regarding school performance. If you could spare a few minutes that would be highly appreciated.

The link is https://www.schoolsurvey.edu. au/s/2016masparent

The results will be used to improve the service we provide to our community.

Goodbye to the Year 12's

Grant Keleher, Principal

This week we say farewell to our Year 12 students. Many will be going onto complete exams in the next few weeks; some will be going onto employment and others taking that next step in their lives.

As a word of advice to the Year 12's who are finishing, life is a series of events, both good and bad. No matter how deft your organisational skills, there will always be life influencing factors over which you may have no control.

As you embark on this new stage of life, you will be able to rise to the occasion because of the values our school has taught you.

On such occasions think of the values the

teachers have instilled in you and you will make us proud. "Change indeed is painful, yet over needful", said Thomas Carlyle.

Maitland Area School is going to miss you.

We hope that someday you will look upon your days here fondly and remember the staff who made a difference in your life. We wish you all the best in your future endeayours.

On a lighter note I have attached part of a speech that Bill Gates gave to Stanford University. Follow these rules and you will be fine!



BILL GATES' RULES FOR SUCCESS

1 - Life is not fair - get used to it.

2 - The world won't care about your self-esteem.
The world will expect you to accomplish something
BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

3 - You will NOT make 50 thousand dollars a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice president with car phone, until you earn both.

4 - If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss. He doesn't have tenure.

5-Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity.

Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping they called it Opportunity.

6-If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

P-Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

9 - Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools they have abolished failing grades and they li give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

9 - Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time.

10 - Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

11 - Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.



AFFLIP Filipino Principal Visit

As a member of AFFLIP and as part of our responsibilities as an international school, we have just recently hosted a group of Filipino Principals.

They were on a study tour to look at our programs, our daily structures and wellbeing of our students. They were amazed at how our school ran and the strong focus we have on literacy and numeracy.

It was also great for our staff to understand what it is like to teach in a developing country. For example, did you know that class sizes in the Philippines can be at minimum 35 students and get up to nearly 70. The Principal and teacher we hosted have 2800 students at their schools and only 7 computers in the whole school. Also in the Philippines many of the students come to school malnourished and have set supervised eating times so teachers know they are getting something to eat. It made us realise how lucky we are to live in Australia and be educated here.

The Filipino principals thoroughly enjoyed their time here and the pedagogies they will take back with them. Some our classes will be running units concurrently with their schools and some of our students will also get a chance to Skype on one of their seven computers with a class.

PHILIPPINE QUICK FACTS



Population: 84,765,000

Capital: Manila; 10,677,000
Area: 300,000 square km

Language: Filipino, English, 8 dialects
Religion: Roman Catholic, Protestant,

Muslim, Buddhist

Currency: Philippine peso

Life Expect': 70 years GDP: U.S. \$4,600

Literacy rate: 96%



(SOURCE: National Geographic)



What is AFFLIP?

AFFLIP is the Australian Foundation For Fostering Learning In the Philippines and is a is a voluntary, non-government, not for profit Foundation based in South Australia, which makes a contribution to the educational development of young people living in some of the poorest areas of the Philippines.

At present its work is located in Mindanao in the southern Philippines.

AFFLIP has a board of fifteen members, four of whom have past associations with Yorke Peninsula communities, Mr Ali Douglas as a Senior at Maitland Area School, Mr Trevor

Tiller as principal of Ardrossan Area School and District Director of Wakefield District, Caroline Green is a member of the South/ Taheny family at Warooka and John Erskine was a teacher at Ardrossan Area School.

Warooka Primary School is also a member of the Schools Learning Network School. It is hoped that two staff members from Baliok will be able to visit Warooka in the future.

AFFLIP has been operating for 5 years and has implemented six programs in Talomo District

- Scholarships
- Health, Nutrition using vegetable gardens
- Early Literacy Development
- Curriculum Resources
- Schools Learning Network
- Outdoor Learning Environment Program

Maitland Apex Club and Maitland Rotary Club have been wonderful supporters of AFFLIP fundraising efforts. People wanting more information about AFFLIP and how to contribute can get further on the AFFLIP website www.afflip.com.au



Interview WITH MR GLEN PARDILLO

Principal of Catalunan Elementary School, Davao City on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines



What is your impression of Maitland Area School?

Although you live in a small town you have wonderful facilities. The programmes your school offers are implemented very well.

I like that you have a strong vision about education and the future of your school.

What are you proud about your own school in Davao city?

My teachers – though our classes are big they manage well and deliver a strong curriculum

What is the size of your school?

We are a Kinder to Year 6 elementary school with 2 800 students and 71 teachers

What ideas will you take back to your school from Maitland?

So much! We like the daily fitness sessions and your reading programme is great. We would like to encourage parents and grandparents into our school to listen to children read too. I have taken photos of your kindergarten outdoor learning area as its design is something we could create.

Outdoor Learning Centres are an area of investigation for our schools in Davao City. We also have a garden programme and so we will plan a day for parents to come and experience it as you have done while we are here.

Principal Grant has taught me a lot about school administration and budgeting and I think I can try some new ideas about management in my school. I am also wanting to establish a Governing Council and encourage parent participation.

What do you look forward to into the future as our twinned school?

The children skyping with each other and sharing their studies. Global understanding is important and through working together our children will better understand each other and the world we live in. I am glad too that staff are going to explore curriculum and that your teachers are so happy to share good practice with us.



Interview WITH RIZALY CUAMBAO.

Teacher at the Catalunan Grande Elementary School



What is your impression of Maitland Area School?

Maitland is a very small, quiet town I like that the children at MAS have a 20 minute recess break. (our children have 10 minutes) and have daily fitness sessions.

It is a good thing that staff have a room to eat their lunch together, I have to have mine in my class room.

How many student do you have in your class?

I have 35 students. Some classes have 50 and in the entire school we have 2,800 student and 71 teachers.

What are you proud of about your school?

The unity of everybody in our school and working harmoniously despite the big number of population in Catalunan Grande Elementary School, while still serving our student with quality learning/education.

What have you enjoyed about Maitland?

Maitland has some lovely places. I liked the beach and farm land. It has lovely people, in particular the staff, student and Principal at Maitland Area School.

What ideas will you take back to Catalunan Grande Elementary School?

How you value the time, everybody is in a hurry, the quality of teaching or learning for the students. The harmonious relationship of the people around the community towards Maitland Area School.

What plans are there for our relationship into the future?

To build up a strong relationship between our schools through continuous communication.







In the classrooms...























In the Garden...











In the Performing Arts Centre...











Important Dates

NOVEMBER

- 8 Gym Jams
- 10 No kindy conference
- MAS & MLS Kindy to School transition sessions begin.

DECEMBER

8 Twilight EOY Celebrations

Exploring our new home

The big move is over!

Dear Families,

It has been fantastic seeing children settle in and explore our new learning environment. We have received positive feedback about our Centre from both children and families as well as the wider community. The Children's Centre received a lot of visitors as part of the recent MAS Open Day who were very impressed by our Centre.

We have had a successful start to the term and I look forward to an exciting and busy term. Once again thankyou to all of you for your ongoing support and understanding during this time of settling in.

Melissa

Maitland Children's Centre Junction Road Maitland Ph. 8832 2613

What's been happening in our program?

Through play based learning children have been engaged and exploring:

Numeracy

Children were introduced to the Maths Toolbox and have enjoyed using the variety of 'tools' in their play. They have particularly enjoyed using the tape measures, calculators and timers and have been creative in how they use them to support their exploration and investigation.

Literacy

Children have been creating journals and drawing pictures about their favourite thing at the new Kindy. It's not surprising that most of them are enjoying the 'tap' in the sandpit.

Inquiry

This week we will introduce our learning tub to explore children's knowledge and interests around "What is a scientist?"

Child Protection

We will begin our child protection focus this week looking at Early Warning Signs.

You Can Do It

Oscar Organisation has been helping children revisit routines and learn where everything belongs in our new play space. We look forward to meeting Connie Confidence over the next few weeks.

















Kindy News & Information

Profile Books

We will be sending out your child's profile books this week. Please take the time to have a look with your child and share their learning. Can these please be returned as soon as possible to ensure staff can add to them before the end of the term/year.

Hats

A reminder that your child needs a hat at Kindy every day. We do have spare hats for the odd occasion when a hat is forgotten, however it is not the Kindy's responsibility to supply a hat. We also have our 'sunscreen station' located next to the drink and fruit trolley. Children need to apply sunscreen on arrival. Children also need to wash their hands on arrival. Thank you for assisting your child in their morning routine.

Buses

A reminder to please notify staff either in your child's communication book or by calling if your child will not be on the bus. If we do not hear from the parents we will put the child on the bus.

Transition Visits

I am pleased to advise that the transition visits for both Maitland Area School and Maitland Lutheran School have been confirmed. A letter will be sent out to families advising of these dates from your School of preference. Please find the dates on our kindy term planner.

Centre Closure

A reminder, there will be no Kindy on Thursday 10th November as staff will be attending the annual Early Childhood Conference. Rural care will operate as usual.

Early Childhood Conference Catering

The Governing Council has been approached to organise the catering for the conference this year. It is a wonderful opportunity to raise money for our Centre. Notes have been sent out regarding donations of food and for helpers on the day. Thank you to all of you for supporting this, if you have any questions please talk to a member of Governing Council or to Kindy staff.

Parent Surveys

Thank you to the families who took the time to complete the survey.

Gym Jams

We have been invited to attend gym jams at Ardrossan on Tuesday 8th November 10:45-11:30. Notes have been sent out today, please return as soon as possible. We would love to have parent helpers on the day. Please let staff know if you are able to help.

Rural Care Vacancies

Can you please advise staff regarding your care requirements for next year as soon as you make a decision about this, including cancellation of care or changes in bookings. We will accommodate families as best as we can, but are unable to guarantee your preferences. Thank you for your understanding.

New Contact Details

A reminder that our new contact details:
Maitland Children's Centre, Junction Road,
Maitland. Our contact telephone number is
the Maitland Area School number 88322613.
If you ring the old Children's Centre number it
will be diverted to my mobile. Please leave a
message and I will get back to you as soon as
possible.

Good Luck

Leigh Rothe | Secondary Coordinator



ood luck to our Year 12 students as they enter the last few weeks of their schooling. Final assessment pieces are being collected and students are busily preparing for end of year exams. This year we have students taking final exams in Mathematical Applications (Thursday 10th November), Physical Education (Thursday 17th November) and Musicianship (Monday 21st November). We wish these students well.

EXAM SURVIVAL GUIDE

Last Saturday's Advertiser had a good "Exam survival guide for students AND parents" on pages 18 and 19.

This time of year can be particularly stressful and it is important that we support our students to be successful.

Staff have been preparing students for what is required in their exams but it is just as important that they are eating well, drinking lots of water and getting plenty of sleep to allow them to concentrate effectively over the next few weeks.

YEAR 12 FAREWELL BREAKFAST

To celebrate the achievements of our year 12's and their time with us at Maitland, we will be holding a breakfast for these students on Thursday, December the 1st at 8:00 am. This will be followed by a farewell assembly where the school community can also join in celebrating with our Year 12 students.



OPEN DAY THANK YOU

It was great to see so many parents and visitors looking through the secondary classrooms and work areas .

Thank you to all the students who helped with tour groups and to all the teachers who worked so hard to mount displays and share their learning areas with our visitors.

Bandana Day

Helen Moloney | Wellbeing Coordinator



he SRC wish to thank everyone who purchased a Canteen bandanna during weeks 1 and 2 of this term. A total of \$372 was raised for the Canteen Organisation who organise wonderful work in supporting young people living with cancer. It was a pleasing and rewarding sight to see so many students and staff wearing their bandannas on Friday 28th October as a sign of support for National Bandana Day.

JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING COMPETITION

The SRC have commenced their 'Guess the Erasers in the Jar' Competition and invite students, staff and community members to have a guess for a good cause.

The jar of erasers is in the Library for viewing and you can have your guess amount recorded for \$1.

The winner of the closest guess amount will win a \$20 gift voucher from the Maitland Newsagency.

All money raised will go to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation of Australia whose mission it is to find a cure for type 1 diabetes.





S.R.C \$1 a guess



"GUESS THE ERASERS



IN THE JAR" Competition



The closest guess will win a \$20 gift voucher from the Maitland Newsagency

THE JAR WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE LIBRARY.

Money raised will be donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

Designed by Tiana, Tahlia and Bella





Showcase Concert

FEATURING

THE COMBINED MAS and AAS CHOIRS
THE JUNIOR CONCERT BAND
SENIOR SCHOOL SOLOISTS

SPECIAL GUEST ARTISTS

7PM THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17

IN THE MAS PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE DOOR ON THE NIGHT
\$5 CHILDREN - \$10 ADULTS - \$25 FAMILY

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL MAITLAND AREA SCHOOL 8832 2613

Performing Trts
Centre







Book Week 2016

hat a wonderful day we had at MAS last Friday. We celebrated a late Book Week this year due to the School production in Term 3. This year's theme was Australia: Story Country and the students from R-6 dressed up as their favourite Australian Character.

We had a huge variety of costumes from Ned Kelly, to convicts, vegemite, Gumnuts, pioneer girls and boys, Australian Bush Fairies, and Jillaroos.

SPECIAL GUEST

The South Australian author, Danielle Clode was our guest speaker. Danielle is the author of several award winning non-fiction books. She has written books about Prehistoric giants, voyages to the South Seas, Killer Whales and their relationship with 19th Century whalers, Bushfires in Australia and about the journey through Australian natural History. Danielle, held sessions in the Library in the morning with the primary students and spoke about animal life in Australia before man. She showed us skeletons, fossils, and pictures of early life forms.

At the Assembly, she spoke about her childhood growing up in Port Lincoln and about her early attempts as a writer. She encouraged the students to write and to follow their passions in life.

Today Danielle is a full time writer, having been a Rhodes Scholar studying zoology at Oxford, a lecturer in writing at Melbourne University and a lecturer in English and Creative writing at Flinders University. She

was an extremely talented and interesting speaker and we are grateful to have had the opportunity to listen to her last Friday.

COMPETITION

Our competition at the Assembly was for each class to have students retell an Australian Story. The Friends of the C.Y.P. Library judged the best entry and this year it was given to the R/1 Atkins class who wrote and performed their own story. All the entries were excellent, and included Specky Magee, The Diary of a Wombat, And the band Played Waltzing Matilda and Summer in Australia. Miss Atkins class received a \$100 Book Voucher from Meg's Book Shop, donated by the Friends of the Library. There were two lucky winners of drawn out of a hat for dressing up and they were both from the same family, Annabel and Harrison Geater-Johnson!

OPEN DAY

At open day we also had a wonderful response in the Library from parents/ caregivers and grandparents who shared a story with their children. Margie from Meg's Bookshop came and read to the children and sold picture books. I'd like to thank the MAS community for embracing both events in the library last week.













School & Community News

U12 COUNTRY CARNIVAL

Beth Hector



Five Maitland Area School students, out of the team of 12, were selected to represent Yorke Peninsula in the U12 Country Carnival cricket team. Harrison Geater-Johnson, Will Davey, Henry Butler, Rupert Polkinghorne and Ollie Linke played in Whyalla over the weekend. They all had a marvellous time and represented both their district and our school with excellent sporting behaviour. Well done boys!

8/9 BASKETBALL

Chelsea Schmidt

It was great to see our students Jayden Lucani, Lucy Rowe, Ella Davey and Ilea Frensch compete in the 8/9 Knockout Carnival last week as representatives of the Yorke Peninsula team.

Our students showed great commitment by attending two trials in order to pick the final team. Their positive sporting attitudes and hard work on the court was commended on the day from both coaches and spectators.

As for the results.....the boys team won one game for the day but faced some very strong opposition especially from Nuriootpa. The girls team managed to win and progress

through to the final after some inspirational coaching by Ashley Biddell and a hard fought battle from the girls on the court. The girls won the day on count back from two other schools. The final will be held on Wednesday 16th November in Adelaide.

We wish the girls all the best as they progress to the next round and well done for making all of us here at MAS very proud!

'SACRED STONE' CHRISTIAN OPTION SEMINAR

Kelly Whittaker



On Thursday of week 1 we hosted a Christian option seminar for Year 7-12's, presented by Sacred Stone on the topic of 'Re-Imagine: Adversity and Resilience'. Sacred Stone are an Adelaide based band, who use their love of playing music to travel around sending a message of hope to young people.

During the show the band shared personal stories and experiences of hard times in their lives and what has helped them in their journey.

Students enjoyed the show and walked away encouraged. Thank you to the Inter Church Council who sponsored this presentation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & FUNDRAISING

Kelly Whittaker & Cori Pollard



Jesse Brown has recently completed his research project on the topic of 'How to make a good cup of coffee', which has led to many opportunities of practicing his barista skills.



He has a barista qualification and is hoping to use this in future work.

You may have seen him and his assistant Tyson Kernick at school events such as the musical or garden open day, or possibly down the street at Maitland Markets. We thank the Maitland Markets for allowing us to sell coffee and muffins for school fundraising and engage in the community. Thanks to students Elijah Rigney, Luke Walker, Phillip Murray, Brandon Brown and Bradley for their assistance and cooking muffins.

You may have the chance to purchase Jesse's coffee at up and coming events.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Kelly Whittaker



Breakfast Club is thriving and we have great student helpers to prepare and serve milos, toast and fruit. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, breakfast club is open to all students whether they arrive on foot or bus. It always sets a great atmosphere around the school and is healthy way to prepare for learning and activities all day.

Thank you to all those students who volunteer to help!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club orders are due back to school by Friday 4th November.

BREAST CANCER GET TOGETHER

If you have had a diagnosis, past or current, of breast cancer you are invited to an informal afternoon tea at the Minlaton Community Health on Wednesday 9th November at 1.30

For further information contact

Sue Bird, McGrath Breast Care Nurse,

08 88230388 All welcome



Saturday 3rd December @ Curramulka Oval

Street parade commencing at 6.30 pm

Photos with Santa Markets Live Music

Face Painting

Glow Products

Giant Inflatable Slide

Childrens Entertainment Food, Drinks, Bar facilties

Town Light Display from 8.45 pm

Follow us on Facebook at Curramulka Community Events





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CALENDAR DATES

NOVEMBER

- 3 Newsletter 17
- 4 Primary Assembly
- 7 PAT Vocab & Science testing start
- 11 Remembrance Day
- **14-16** 9/10 Geography Camp
- 15 Kindy Transition pm
- 17 Music Showcase Concert Newsletter 18 Kindy Transition - pm
- 18 Year 12 Breakfast & Farewell Assembly Primary Assembly
- 21-25 10/11 University Pathways
- 23 Kindy Transition all day

 New Reception parents meeting

 Governing Council 7pm
- 24-25 SAASTA Shield
- 25 Kindy Transition all day
- 29 Kindy Transition all day

DECEMBER

- 1 Year 12 Formal R-7 Swimming
- 2 Primary Assembly R-7 Swimming
- Maitland On the Green
 Brighton High School Visit
 R-7 Swimming
- 9 Band Tour
 - R-7 Swimming
- 13 Presentation Night (2pm dismissal)
- 14/15 Year 4/5 Class Camp



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