

MAS newsletter

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NAPLAN success.

Grant Keleher | Principal



Congratulations to the staff and the students on our NAPLAN results. This year we have seen the best NAPLAN results for quite some time. Our Year 3 students were off the charts and our improvement from our Year 7 – 9's was unbelievable. Our average outperformed the state average in most cases and most students saw growth.

Our challenge now is to make sure that we keep improving our curriculum and teaching strategies to set the bar higher and maintain our students in the higher bands.

We are also looking at new intervention and improvement strategies for those students who didn't achieve SEA targets. It is critical that we now see this as the norm and strive to improve on these results each year to build the academic reputation of our school.

SACE PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

This Thursday is our SACE parent information meeting. It is a time where students and their families can continue with their PLP journey and start looking at future career

paths and ask questions about appropriate subjects for next year. It is also a night where parents can gain an understanding about SACE.

I highly recommend our students and parents going along to this. Information has already gone home in the form of a letter as well as on the school app, school Facebook page and newsletter.

Staff will be on hand to answer any questions that you may have in regards to curriculum.

PUPIL FREE DAY/SCHOOL CLOSURE

Can parents please note that we have a pupil free day Friday the 2nd of September. Staff will not be onsite this day as they will be working with staff from the other sites of the SYP to improve their pedagogy.

There is also a school closure on Wednesday the 7th of September for the Royal Adelaide show.

This day was chosen because it is the day the school parades our livestock. The Year 9 and 10's have put lots of effort into this and

ON THE FRONT COVER

Year 4/5 students pose on the YP Council ute after a successful morning's tree-planting.



it would be great if we could get as many people down there as possible to support them.

MAITLAND AREA SCHOOL SPORTING SUCCESS.

Congratulations to the Cougars Football Club who won the U12's shield at the Mini-league carnival held at Minlaton.

The lads were really happy with their achievement and since most are bottom age are looking forward at going back to back next year.

Congratulations must also go to Reuben Parker who won the Snr Colts Mail Medal for the YPFL. This continues on from the success of the MAS SAPSASA boys' basketball team who qualified for the next round.

THANKYOU P & F

A huge thank you must go to our Parents and Friends for the amount of time and effort they have put into the front of the school.

They were out again in force finishing the planting of the trees and hedges. The pride they show in our school and the effort they go to is second to none and as Principal, I am very humbled by their support and values they provide the school.

HOW TO GIVE YOUR CHILD SUCCESS

"Children in middle class families are estimated to have experienced some 100 hours of being read to when they enter school, compared with 25 hours of reading time provided in low income families"

Neuman 1999

Finding time to regularly read a book together can make sure your child is ready to read and more successful at school.

Come and visit the school library and borrow books together, read a recipe or TV guide, read signs in the cars on shops in the magazines, talk about reading and books, get then to read off the internet or print out and read.

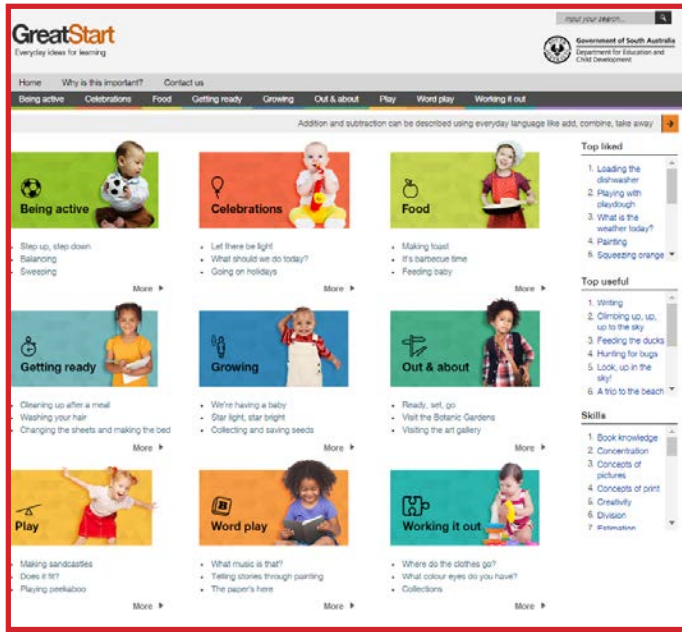
For older children get them to read out aloud to you on a regular basis, or when grandparents, uncles and aunties come over.

Any or all of these things will make a difference not only to your child's literacy but also numeracy and most other areas of study.



GREAT START WEBSITE

The Great Start Website is an innovative website that provides parents of young children with activities to improve their child's numeracy and literacy skills.



The Great Start website offers parents of children aged under five years valuable learning resources including games and activities based on everyday experiences.

We know that the most important time for a child's brain development is in their first five years so it is really important that parents are involved in developing these skills .

This fantastic new resource will equip parents with practical, hands-on information and aids so they can give their child the best possible start to their education. The website provides parents with a range of ideas and

activities centred around everyday activities including Play, Food, Out and About, Growing, Getting Ready and Celebrations.

The website incorporates findings from the national Engaging Families in Early Child Development Story initiative. It includes neuroscience research, the importance of identifying key messages to communicate to parents, research on parent perceptions of numeracy and literacy and research into effective social marketing campaigns that result in parent behaviour change.

Activities are searchable by age, materials and the skills developed.

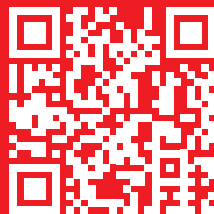
Please if you have young children check it out or pass information onto someone in your life that has young children. The first 5 years

before they get to school are absolutely critical in terms of a child's development.

Grant Keleher

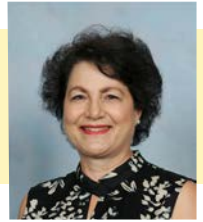
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www.greatstart.sa.edu.au



40 Hour Famine

Helen Moloney | Wellbeing Coordinator



The SRC have elected to have a Casual Clothes Day this Friday 26th August. The cost of the day is \$2 which will go towards Maitland Area School contribution to the 40 Hour Famine Project for 2016.

Each class has elected to 'Go Without' an item or activity as their way to make a stand on global hunger. SRC Reps will also be circulating donation boxes for anyone wanting to give extra funds on this day.

This year funds raised will help support projects in countries such as Bangladesh, East Timor, Malawi and Nepal. These funds will help provide programs including improving the health of children under five through nutrition training for parents,

increasing access to child health and providing immunisation services.

We would also like to thank students who have nominated to participate in the official Hour Famine project from home. This can be undertaken until September 5.

40 HOUR FAMINE

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SACE Evening

Leigh Rothe | Secondary Coordinator



Tonight is the annual SACE Information evening, starting at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Centre. It is an opportunity for students and their families to gather information and ask questions about future subject opportunities at Maitland Area School. Secondary staff will be in attendance to help with any queries. All secondary students are welcome to attend while it is advised that all Year 10 and 11 students come to prepare for subject counselling. We look forward to seeing you there.

SUBJECT COUNSELLING

Subject counselling for all students heading into Year 11 and 12 will be held next Wednesday and Thursday.

Subject handbooks will be available at the SACE information evening.

Kerrie Thomson and myself will be conducting interviews with students and families to begin the subject selection process. Bookings can be made on the night or by contacting the school from Friday.

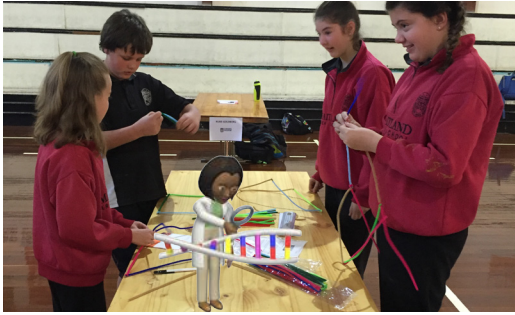


MAS subject choices 2017
A subject and course selection guide for
parents and students
Years 10-12
Includes information on Year 10, SACE Stage 1 and SACE Stage 2 Courses.

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Science Week Expo

Last Wednesday, Emma Westbrook and myself took two very excited teams to compete in the Port Pirie Science Week Expo.



Better news for Lily, Sophie, Steph and Oscar who competed consistently in all challenges to finish the day in equal first position.

A Primary team and a Secondary team competed against other schools from within the region in a series of three challenges.



It was a rewarding day for all involved and it was good to see the teams work together to find solutions to the problems presented to them.

Our Secondary team consisted of Liam, Shaylah, Jasmine and Evie who started strongly and despite struggling with the last two challenges still finished a commendable fourth.



Musically Speaking

Tim Tuck | Head of Primary



Our 2016 production, 'Bonsai Samurai' steamed further ahead this week with more scenery, props and costumes appearing in the Performing Arts Centre. Mrs Bourne has been flat out creating Samurai, Sumo and Bandit costumes, Mrs Schwartz has been helping cast members sing up a storm and student, parent and teacher choreographers have been busy trying to get actors' left and right feet sorted out!

We had a number of special packages arrive as well. First was our sumo suit, which you can see featured on the 'big pictures' page. Then our koi kites arrived from China (gorgeous!) and finally some new lighting equipment.

Students -young and old - continue to surprise, delight and entertain as they work through rehearsals and practices. At one point we had children from years 3 through 10 working alongside each on stage. I'm not sure too many schools can boats of that!

A few shout outs to students. To:

- Our leads Ollie Linke, Emma Rowe and Liam Dodd. Lines learned, yay!
- Matt Thomson for his leadership by example and fitting into the Sumo Suit.
- Lochlan Travena for his work with the bamboo swords.

- To the 4/5 good Tsukumogami - you make me laugh every time we practice!
- Harrison Geater-Johnson for your enthusiasm and encouragement of others.
- Ella Davey and Ilea Frensch for your choreography skills.

TI could easily mention a dozen more - suffice to say we have a talented bunch of students!

TICKETS AND DATES

The school notice board has caused a little confusion. Bonsai Samurai is definitely on September 21 & 22. The 9 on the notice board is the week. Sorry about that!

Tickets will go on sale week 7 and be available through the school bookroom. A note will also go home soon detailing some costume requirements (mainly black!).

ANNIE MUSICAL

MAS staff and students were involved in the recent Maitland Music & Arts Club production of Annie, performed at the Maitland McKnight Theatre from August 18 through 20.

Val McLean was backstage and helped manage the show's many prompt scene changes. Her creativity was also behind many of the sensational sets and her organisation and leadership ensured quick, precise changes that were often made in the dark!

Jarrad Tucker and Hanna Dzierma. Jarrad and Hanna were vital members of the backstage crew where they learned the value of organisation and team work; they should be proud of their achievements!

Year 12 Sherida Borghouts was the principal flautist in the professional sounding band. She used her amazing talents to enhance the many catchy tunes.

LOTE teacher Star Derrington was part of the cast and performed several important roles onstage, including a part as one of the 'Boylan Sisters' trio in a very entertaining show-within-a-show.

Well done to all involved. It was a wonderfully entertaining production and the MAS Community Members did the school



Kindy News

Melissa Richards

STAFFING

We have said goodbye to Amanda who has taken on a new role as an Early Childhood Leader and to Michelle who has moved from the district. I have been appointed as Acting Director for Terms 3 & 4.

We welcome Rachel Wells as our Preschool Teacher for the rest of the year. Rachel is building wonderful relationships with children and is enjoying getting to know them.

CURRICULUM

An overview of our curriculum for term 3:

- **Numeracy** – I explore and understand my place in the world.
- **Literacy** – I engage and make meaning (reading).
- **You Can Do It Program** – Pete Persistence.
- **Inquiry** – How do animals help us?
- **Child Protection Curriculum** – Feelings/early warning signs/who do we trust?

We will also prepare children for transitioning to our new site, by having visits to the School and our new Kindy.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENTS 2017

Letters have been sent out to families of children who are eligible to commence preschool in 2017. This is the 'First Round of Preschool Offers' and will only be sent to families who are in our catchment area. If you know of someone who has a child who will turning four before the 1st of May 2017, please have them contact us. It is not too late to enrol!

Ultimate Frisbee SA Visit

Chelsea Koch | SAATSA Coordinator

Ultimate Frisbee expert Rex Johnson came to visit our SAATSA Academy last week to help the team brush up on their skills. Students will be competing in an Ultimate Frisbee competition in Term 4 as a part of the SAATSA Shield carnival.



WHAT IS ULTIMATE FRISBEE?

Ultimate frisbee, is a non-contact team sport originally played by players with a flying disc (frisbee).

Points are scored by passing the disc to a teammate in the opposing end zone.

Other basic rules are that players must not take steps while holding the disc, and interceptions, incomplete passes, and passes out of bounds are turnovers. Rain, wind, or occasionally other adversities can make for a testing match with rapid turnovers, heightening the pressure of play.

From its beginnings in the late 1960s, the game has resisted empowering any referee with rule enforcement, instead relying on the sportsmanship of players and invoking the "spirit of the game" to maintain fair play. Players call their own fouls, and dispute a foul only when they genuinely believe it did not occur.

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ultimate_\(sport\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ultimate_(sport))



Breakfast Club

Kelly Whittaker

Breakfast Club is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning from 8:25-8:45am. Students arrive at school on bikes or buses and come in for a bite to eat, whether it's their first for the morning or a top up, to get ready to learn.

The menu consists of warm milo, toast with vegemite or honey, and fresh fruit. There are many students who volunteer to help and serve their school peers. It's a great way to start the day.

Recently I contacted Kick Start 4 Kids who are a group in Adelaide who receive food and volunteer to deliver to schools for breakfast clubs like ours. Because there are a few schools on Y.P. receiving this service, it's feasible for them. It's an amazing organisation and we are so blessed to have their service. We had our first delivery last week.



REPRESENTING

AUSTRALIA

Isaac Whittaker has represented South Australia many times in hockey at National Tournaments. Last year at the age of 16 he was competing in the National Under 18 competition, which led to his selection in the Under 17 Australian Mens team, who recently travelled to South Africa. This was a huge achievement and very exciting, making the many hours of training and travelling worth it.

SOUTH AFRICA TOUR

He spent 16 days travelling through South Africa, playing test matches and stopping to sight see at Cape Town, Durban and Pretoria. It was a fantastic experience to play against other elite teams and also learn a lot about the country, their history and culture. One memorable trip was to the prison where the famous Nelson Mandela was held, with the tour guides being ex-prisoners themselves.

SA OPEN MENS SQUAD

Isaac has now been selected in the SA Open Mens squad in hope to make the team who will travel to Perth later in the year, to play in the Australian Hockey League. Congratulations Isaac!

It's encouraging to all, no matter what area; whether sport or study, that hard work and dedication does pay off. If you continue to strive and stay focused on your goals, you will be rewarded.



Mr Harris Farewell

Sarah Townsend | Year 7/8 Class Teacher

Last Friday our students held a party to say goodbye to pre-service teacher Mr Trent Harris after a five week observation and teaching block at Maitland Area School.

Mr Harris is a student at Flinders University and Maitland was his first experience teaching in a classroom. He worked with the Year 7/8 class in a range of subject areas, but particularly focused on Maths, Health and PE. He also worked in the Year 9 Maths class and even helped our primary students with dance practice for Bonsai Samurai the musical!

Mr Harris was very popular and well respected amongst the students at MAS and he proved himself to be a high quality teacher at this stage in his career.



He will now return to university to complete his studies and he has confirmed that his experience with the students at Maitland has consolidated his decision to pursue a career in the classroom.

We thank Mr Harris for the time he spent with us and wish him well for his future career. Maybe he'll be back on the peninsula one day as a fully fledged teacher!



national tree day

It was a long time coming, but the weather finally made a turn for the better, so on Wednesday, August 17, the Year 4/5 class were able to make their contribution to National Tree Day by planting nearly 100 trees on the north side of the Maitland Cemetery.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

We'd initially planned to plant the trees back in week 1 of term, but the site was washed out with heavy rains over several days. We rescheduled for the following week and then rescheduled again when the site was, once again, flooded.

The wait until week 4 was definitely worth it, as the day dawned sunny, a little cool, but with no clouds in sight.

LEARNING ON THE JOB

We arrived at the site just after 9am and had a brief introduction to successful tree planting which included being careful removing the tree from its plastic tube, making sure the seedling was level with the ground once planted, techniques

for ensuring a tight wind break and a demonstration of the optimum amount of fertiliser to add.

Mr Salmon's students were attentive, receptive and polite during the demonstration and asked relevant and thoughtful questions.

PLANT THOSE TREES!

Students broke into pairs and groups of three and began the job. Some had brought their own trowels and rakes while other students used those provided by the council.

Groups worked quickly but carefully and we were soon starting a second section of plantings.

We had a quick look at trees planted by previous groups, discussed the issues with erosion from water run off and finished with a group photo around and on the work ute.

Thank you to Planet Ark and Toyota for providing t-shirts and gloves for the day, to Mrs Heinrich for accompanying us and a huge thank you to the YP Council for involving us in this activity.

Tim Tuck | Primary Coordinator

20 YEARS
national tree day

PLANET ARK TOYOTA



Close to
300,000
people
participated




3,626
planting sites
and activities



2,300
schools
took part



1.2
million
native trees, grasses,
shrubs, and edibles
planted



An estimated
\$5.6
million dollars
in volunteer labour dedicated
to green outcomes





The MAS goats have been out and about, taking walks around town, having their hair trimmed in preparation for the Adelaide Show and soaking in the warm weather. Well done to our hard working 9/10 Ag class who don't kid around when it comes to looking after their goats.

GOATS OUT & ABOUT





playgroup visit

animals at the farm



On Friday 19th August the Maitland Playgroup spent a busy morning at the Area School. They were greeted by Year 9 students who, under the supervision of teacher Miss Sarah Townsend, took them on a tour of the Ag Block where the children particularly liked the goats and the chickens.

books in the library

drama in the PAC



Following this they were treated to a story in the Library by librarian Mrs Moloney and enjoyed sharing a fruit platter, while the adults were able to have a hot drink.

The morning finished with Music & Movement and lots of drum playing in the Performing Arts centre with Mr Tuck. It was so lovely to share our facilities with the laygroup and we are very excited that as of next term they will meet regularly on our site when the Early Learning Centre opens.

MACCA'S NEXT STEP PROGRAM



Experience AFL training facilities and specialist coaching from SANFL players.

5-8 year olds - \$80

Tuesday 4th October - Alberton Oval | 9am-12pm OR 1pm - 4pm



9-15 year olds - \$190

Wednesday 5th October – Football Park, West Lakes | 9am – 3pm

& Thursday 6th October – Alberton Oval | 9am – 3pm

Tailored programs to suit each age group



Each participant will receive:

- Personalised Macca's Next Step Guernsey
- Family pass to the 2016 SANFL IGA League Grand Final on Sunday 25th Sep. Adelaide Oval
- SANFL Participant Showbag
- The opportunity to meet and be coached by current SANFL Players



Register now | www.sanfl.com.au/nextstep

Numbers are limited so register now to guarantee your spot!

Registrations close Friday 9th September



School & Community News

CANTEEN NEWS

Cookies are now 60c. Celery stick with dipping sauce: 50c. Donations of fruit are gratefully accepted to give to students

PORT VICTORIA BASKETBALL CLUB

Registration night, Monday 29th August, 5.00 – 6.00Pm at Pt Victoria courts, all intending junior and senior players must attend! We will require a Sub Deposit on the night: Juniors (U12<) \$30 Seniors(U14>) \$50

Queries: okaringa@internode.on.net
fionahollams@gmail.com

MAITLAND JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB

Registration night 5pm 12th September 2016 for all juniors wanting to play this season. Parents are to attend. AGM is to follow the registration. Enquiries to Tim Schwartz 0428 363 242.

CY COUGARS NETBALL CLUB

Annual General Meeting. Wednesday 28th September at 7.00pm at Cougars Netball Clubrooms. All Welcome.

MAITLAND MID-WEEK TENNIS

Anyone interested in playing or entering a team of four players, please contact Sandra Wescombe on 0429829929 or 88392061. Games start week 2 of term 4.

CYP LITTLE ATHLETICS

AGM at Hotel Maitland Wednesday 31st August 2016 at 6:30pm dinner meeting. New committee members needed. Enquiries to Carly Jarrett 0429 919 006.

CURRAMULKA BASKETBALL CLUB

AGM & Player Registration Night

Wednesday 31st August 2016 7:30pm at Curramulka Community Club.

All intending Players / Coaches & Parents are to attend. Team nominations to be submitted from this meeting. Please remember every team submitted require, coach, team manager & all underage teams - umpires. Non appearance - Unable to play.

Karen Parsons (President)

Emma Reade (Secretary)

SUMMER NIGHT NETBALL TUESDAY NIGHTS

UNDER 13'S, UNDER 16'S AND OPEN COMPETITIONS, INCLUDING MIXED AND LADIES.

Enjoy a friendly season of social netball over the warmer months. The rounds begin early-October, so ensure you nominate your team before then and prepare for another great season!

BEGINS 04/10/2016
TEAM NOMINATIONS OPEN NOW



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August

↑ Year 7-10 students rehearsing the opening scene of Bonsai Samurai.

big pictures big pictures

19
August

↓ Year 5/6 students learning their 'Soot Sweeping Day' dance moves





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August

↑ Our giant Sumo tests his Sumo moves at rehearsals.

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August

↓ The temple scene in Bonsai Samurai

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CALENDAR DATES

AUGUST

- 25 JP farm visit
SACE Information Evening
- 29 SAASTA Connect Camp
- 30 R/1 Gym Jams at Ardrossan
- 31 Senior course counselling begins
4/5 Mini Olympics

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Senior course counselling
- 2 **SYP Schools Pupil Free Day**
- 7 **Royal Adelaide Show school closure**
- 7-8 Royal Show
- 8 Newsletter 14
- 13 Governing Council
- 14 Parent / Teacher interviews
- 15 Parent / teacher interviews
- 21 SAPOL talk to Year 11
- 22 Last day of Kindy term
- 21-22 Bonsai Samurai School Production
- 26 SAPSASA Athletics at Santos Stadium
- 27-29 Kindy closed for relocation
- 29-30 Rural care closed for relocation
- 30 SRC Assembly 1.30pm
2pm dismissal

OCTOBER

- 4 Rural care reopens at MAS
- 17 Pre-service teachers arrive
- 20 Kindy toy catalogues due
- 24-28 Book Week

NOVEMBER

- 17 Music Showcase Concert



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