

MID NORTH EDUCATION CENTRE

Making a Difference by Engaging and Empowering



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News from the Principal

My goodness, It is Week 7 already.

Our Student leaders for 2017 are Junior School – Olivia Munn, Emma Watts & James Hargans. In the Senior School – Lara Skipper, Harley Hillier & Martin Rigg. Congratulations to all these students.

Kids Matter sessions have started the year with a growth mindset focus. Our student learning is that our brain is like a muscle that can be exercised. We have also focussed on students not teasing as this can lead to bullying. The students will receive wrist bans in participation of the National Day against bullying and violence.

Pupil Free Days, so far this term teachers attended the Foundation Day for our Collaborative Impact Program. This will be a 3 year plan in which we select a focus with improving our teaching practices to support student learning. In our early discussions we have talked about a focus on Numeracy, the feedback staff provide students and what students think makes a “good learner” and a “good learner in Maths”.

Our next Pupil Free Day will be next term, Friday 9th June which is a shared Partnership day—meaning other schools will also be having a Pupil Free Day.

We have been selected for an External Review in Term 2 which will occur 5-7th June. A panel comes to the school to talk to the Principal, parents, students and teachers about how we are improving with a focus on student achievement. It is based on the notion that ‘every school can improve and every school wants to improve’. There will be more coming out about this for you next term.

One Plan Meetings are replacing the NEP meetings and are very similar. Two differences for now are that there is more input from collecting perspectives and there has been a sheet sent home to you about this. I have seen some of these and appreciate your insights and thinking to support this process. Another slight change is that there will be a big vision goal and more but smaller stepped goals to get there. We are hoping that student develop an understanding of their own goals and therefore their learning and achievements.



Government of South Australia
Department of Education and
Children's Services

Dates To Remember

Parent forum for SHINE

Wednesday 29th March

End of Term

Thursday 13th April (2.00pm finish)

Easter

Friday 14/4/17

Pupil Free Day

Term 2, Friday 9th June

I hope you have kept the flyer about the parent forum about SHINE at MNEC on the 29th March 9.30-12.00pm.

Students are looking forward to the Swimming Carnival at Clare this Friday. 21 students represented our school.

Student enjoyed the CROWS visit, especially their mascot. Students were able to ask questions and both Harry & James were thoughtful and articulate.

The Governing Council has met twice this term and approved the Annual Report and talked about the External Review. They have decided not to do an Easter Raffle but will do an end of year raffle for the Christmas Concert.

I am pleased to announce our New Christian Pastoral Care Worker—Kathryn Law

A Farewell to Jack: Jack is leaving school and going to Bedford Day Options. He has had several transition visits and excitedly linked in with previous students. We will miss Jack but also keep in contact to see how he is going.

Keep your kids smiling

SA Dental Service

Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule? The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics.

Call now for an appointment. Your clinic is:
Pt Pirie West School Dental Clinic
Phone: 8632 1926



HAZARD ALERT

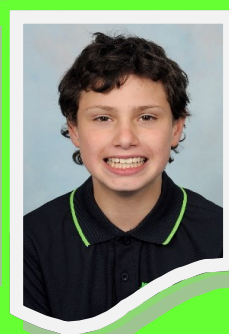
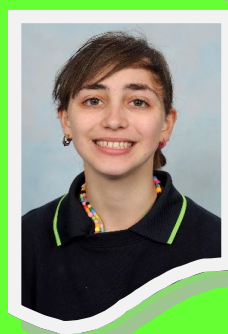
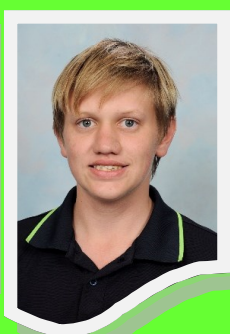
An incident/accident has occurred recently at 2 sites resulting in injuries to students.

In one incident, the student was using the junior primary play equipment and caught the hat that they were wearing in play equipment, resulting in a red welt on the child's throat due to friction/burn.

At MNEC we do not use that style of hat so we have no changes to make with our hats.

As a result of this incident we request that if you send a hat to school with your child and it has a cord that all cords are removed.

If you have any concerns over the hats we use, please do not hesitate to contact the office staff.



2017 MNEC Student Leaders

Our Purpose Statement

We Aim:

To make a difference for our students by identifying and meeting their individual needs to enable them to learn to the best of their ability in a safe and supportive environment.

Our Trademark Qualities:

Student Focused Respectful Dedicated Supportive

Term Dates 2017

Term 1 30/1/17 to 13/4/17

Term 2 1/5/17 to 7/7/17

Term 3 24/7/17 to 29/9/17

Term 4 16/10/16 to 15/12/17