

# MID NORTH EDUCATION CENTRE

*Making a Difference by Engaging and Empowering*



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## News from the Principal

Welcome back after the holidays

At the Special Assembly at the end of last term we congratulated our new Student Leaders.

They are from the Primary School

- ◇ Indiana Murray
- ◇ Emma Watts
- ◇ Xander Thain

And from the Senior School

- ◇ Anthony Skipper
- ◇ Harley Hillier
- ◇ Lara Skipper

These leaders were elected by the students themselves. Their role will be to be representatives of MNEC at special events, to model and promote the qualities for learning with other students and to participate in decision making sessions with the Principal, further developing student ideas and some special events for students.

In the last week of term, 4 of our student leaders were involved in some of the Muso Magic programme. This was a Partnership venture to create and produce a video clip expressing the 4 qualities for learning. This is available on YouTube if you google "Soldiers of the Rising Sun – The Deadly Prawns". It's a great song I encourage you to view it. We continue our work with the Partnership and the next event is a Youth Leadership Summit in which we will send our 6 student leaders.

## Dates To Remember

### Governing Council

Thursday 23rd June

### Pupil Free Days

Monday 16/5/16 (CANCELLED)

Wednesday 25th May

Tuesday 14th June

### Public Holiday

Monday 13th June

This term, there will be a Pupil Free Day on Wednesday 25th of May with the staff involved in Professional Development to further develop Numeracy and Problem solving @ MNEC.

Also on Tuesday 14th June — SEPLA Adelaide Conference for all staff, with a guest speaker Dr Emma Goodall who is a Autism consultant and researcher. This will replace one of the other Pupil Free Days in Term 3 or 4 but we have not decided as a staff about this yet.

I hope the mother's and carer's enjoyed their biscuit parcel from Lettie. Thankyou Lettie for this!!

Regards for now,

**Anna**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO  
CONTACT THE SCHOOL IF YOUR  
CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT**

# Governing Council News

- A Decision about what is considered late arrival and early departure from school. **A late arrival is considered after 9:30 and an early departure is before 2:30pm.** Different codes will then be recorded on our systems. We also discussed several attendance and absences processes to encourage good attendance. A pamphlet for attendance is being reviewed by Governing Council members.
- **Pupil Free Days** approved, See notes in Anna's report as there are changes.
- **Signage** at school for the Qualities for learning. We will have a big 'wordle' poster as you come into the school and another set of 4 individual ones with braille on the other wall. More signage will be required for outside.
- The school will be starting the Premiers Reading Challenge with students involved in the reading process.
- News that 'Caring Choice' will be starting up a respite house in Port Pirie. More information will follow .

## Next meeting

23rd June, we will discuss more about NDIS and there will be a Morning Tea afterwards with the Student Leaders

## Companion Cards

It's a card that allows a carer to go to things for free for someone with a disability. Eg movies, bus, theme parks, anywhere the person wouldn't be able to go by themselves.

The card belongs to the child/person with disability and anyone can be their carer/support for the event—they must carry the card with them.

Visit <http://www.sa.companioncard.asn.au/> for more information, how to apply and check your eligibility for the companion card.

## Our 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 Focussed    Respectful    Dedicated    Supportive*

## Term Dates 2016

Term 1 1/2/16 to 15/4/16  
Term 2 2/5/16 to 8/7/16  
Term 3 25/7/16 to 30/9/16  
Term 4 17/10/16 to 16/12/16