Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome Students and Families to the second school Term for 2016.

I would like to welcome Mrs Condon into the role of Deputy Principal and congratulate Miss Kendall Proud in winning the Coordinator’s position for the next 4 weeks. Miss Kristie Say will be back filling Mrs Condon and Ms Fiona Punton will be relieving Miss Proud on Friday for her coordinator day.

ANZAC DAY

It was with great pleasure that once again Mulga Street Primary School was represented at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service on April 25th. Nicholas Fenk and Caitlin Letiza arrived at Vansittart Park at 5.45am, with their families, ready to carry on the tradition of the laying of the wreath to remember all those who have given their lives for our freedom and the freedom of others. They respectfully waited and watched as the service unfolded and as our school name was announced they stepped forward and confidently and solemnly walked towards the cenotaph and placed our tribute, on our behalf, to all those who lost their lives during times of war. As the service came to an end and we said our farewells, I felt proud to be a member of the Mulga Street Community and of the students who represented us so well. I also reflected on the selflessness of Caitlin, Nicholas and their families to give up their nice warm beds and join myself and Mrs Condon at the ceremony. We do indeed live in a lucky country where we are able to pay tribute to our fallen without the fear of persecution.

The first two weeks of this term will see us hosting Northcote High School at the end of this week as they, once again, compete in the Generations in Jazz and the year 3, 5 and 7 students will sit the annual NAPLAN assessments in writing, reading, language conventions and numeracy.

On this note, I would encourage all students to be the best they can be no matter who they work with, treat others as they, themselves, would like to be treated and be grateful.

Nothing is achieved without hard work, friends are gained with kindness and being grateful will mean others will want to help you in the future because they will know it is appreciated.

Mardi McClintock  Tamarin Condon
Principal  Deputy Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

6th May  RED Day SRC Fundraiser
7th & 8th May  Generations in Jazz Fundraiser

10th May – 12th May  NAPLAN Assessments
23rd May  6pm Finance Meeting
7pm Governing Council Meeting

27th May  Pupil Free Day

I would like to congratulate the Mulga Street Community for the outstanding effort with the money line fundraiser. For the first time in three years our canteen is in the black at this time of the year. This is of great relief as we all appreciate the hard work of Leeanne and Jo in the canteen to keep it open. We raised $567.00 and the students Mrs Smith’s and Mr Richards’ class will each receive a paddle pop for having the longest lines. Please stay tuned for special recesses and lunches through-out the term.

RED DAY – FRIDAY 6th MAY

RED DAY Supporting the RED CROSS

On Friday this week the student council and student executive will hold their termly fundraiser. Friday will be a RED Day to support the work of the Red Cross. We are asking for all students and community members to wear red in support of the Red Cross and give a gold coin to support the wonderful work they carry out in Australia and through-out the world. They are always there in times of
need and we appreciate the help they give. One day you may call on them for help and selflessly the many volunteers will give it.

**URGENT GENERATIONS IN JAZZ FUNDRAISER**

Generations in Jazz weekend is this Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th May and **perishable** items can be left at the school tomorrow Friday 6th May. Donations are being sought for the following items, thank you once again.

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**MATERIALS & SERVICES CHARGE**

A reminder that the Materials & Services Charge (school fees) is now due. If you have not applied for School Card and believe you may be eligible, please collect a School Card form from the Front Office. School Card must be applied for every year. Thank you to those families who have made arrangements with the school to pay the fees by instalment.

If you wish to pay by instalment please speak to Sue Shaw (Finance Officer) ASAP. Please do not hesitate to contact Sue if you have any issues in regard to the payment of school fees.

**NEW BANK DETAILS**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT AS OF MONDAY 26th OCTOBER 2015 THE SCHOOL’S NEW BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS WILL BE:**

- **Account Name:** Mulga Street Primary School Council Inc
- **Bank:** Commonwealth Bank of Australia
- **BSB:** 065-504
- **Account Number:** 10362131

**NAPLAN WEEK 2, TERM 2**

Any parent who wishes to withdraw their child from the NAPLAN Assessment 2016 from years 3, 5 or 7 need to speak with leadership or classroom teacher tomorrow, to complete a withdrawal consent form. Students with disabilities are also able to be exempt please speak with leadership or your classroom teacher to organise this exemption.

**SOUTH EAST CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Unfortunately this year the Cross Country Championships fall on the same day as one of our major performances ‘Sticks and Stones,’ Friday May 20th. Please contact James Egan immediately if you have a child turning 8 or above this year and would desperately like them to compete in the Cross Country Championships in Naracoorte, which would mean missing the performance. Just a reminder, the expectation is for parents or caregivers to transport their child to and from the Cross Country venue in Naracoorte.

**COUNSELLOR’S CORNER**

On Friday 20th May, Brainstorm Productions will be presenting their student wellbeing program “Sticks & Stones” for all students at Mulga Street Primary School. Seen and enjoyed by over 1.7 million students, Sticks & Stones is a live educational theatre experience that tells the story of two students who are angry, frustrated and always in trouble. They have to learn to control their anger and to treat people with respect. Ultimately, they discover they’ve got more in common than they could ever imagine and form a friendship that heals them both. This is the perfect opportunity for your child to learn practical skills on how to deal with anger, aggression and resolving conflict.

Sticks & Stones is part of our student wellbeing curriculum and the program has been developed in consultation with teachers, psychologists, as well as real-life student experiences. The methodology of the program is safe, supportive and non-judgemental and designed to provide students with positive and useful tools that they can use in their everyday lives. Brainstorm Productions is Australia’s largest educational touring theatre company. Their programs cater to the specific wellbeing needs of students, helping to create a healthy and harmonious school environment. If you would like to know more about Brainstorm Productions visit their website at [www.brainstormproductions.edu.au](http://www.brainstormproductions.edu.au)

Permission to attend the performance and $4 needs to be returned to the front office by Tuesday 17th May. Spare notes are available from the front office.

**LIMESTONE COAST STEM**

**Building the learning power of all Limestone Coast Learners**

Our State needs a bold approach to ensure our children and young people are at the highest level of achievement and capability by Australian and world standards. Our evidence is that most of our children and young people do well in their learning but too few experience higher levels of achievement or demonstrate the
capacity to be powerful in their learning. Powerful learning is not a subject to be studied but is something children and students do every day in their learning. It is not based on notions of personal power or power over others. Rather it refers to learners who have the curiosity, creativity and confidence to:

• Actively participate in their learning.
• Make decisions based on sound evidence.
• Skillfully solve problems and deal proactively with new situations.
• Communicate effectively in a variety of forms.
• Collaborate with others.

Powerful learners also have what Professor Carol Dweck terms a ‘growth mindset’ – the belief that they are capable of learning and achieving with effort. Strong numeracy and literacy development enables aspiring powerful learners to achieve these qualities.

Overview of South East STEM Strategy – WHY STEM?

Goal
“Students have the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in a STEM world through a focused effort of teaching and learning of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) dispositions which are connected to real world application and support our students to be creative, connected and powerful learners.”

Objective
The regional STEM initiative brings together science and research agencies, education providers, industry and business and community organisations at a regional level and provides a platform for a coordinated approach to advance student learning in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and to building community awareness of STEM skills. The strategy is supported by the Inspiring Australia Regional Science Hub and is focused on progressing a sustainable whole of community approach to maximise the potential benefits that Science and Innovation can bring to our region.

MSPS TRACK PANTS
For anyone wanting to order Mulga Street Primary School tracksuit pants for winter, we will be taking orders up until FRIDAY MAY 13TH (END OF WEEK 2)
They are $35.00 a pair. Please contact front office staff.

DCSI SCREENING REQUIREMENTS
Many of our parents and guardians volunteer at Mulga Street Primary School to support their child’s learning.

To make it easier for parents and guardians to volunteer their time, the Department for Education and Child Development has updated its relevant history screening policy and procedures.

As a result, parents and guardians who volunteer to directly support their child will no longer require a relevant history screening.

This will mean many of our volunteers can help out sooner.

A screening is still necessary for parents and guardians who are volunteering at school camps and sleep overs, as well as those hosting billets and homestay students.

As has always been the case, a screening is not needed to attend single events or activities at Mulga Street Primary School. These include concerts, fundraisers, swimming week or sports day.

Screenings are just one measure used to help keep children safe. Everyone who works with children plays a part in child protection, including watching out for inappropriate behaviour.

Find out more about relevant history screening and keeping children safe at www.decd.sa.gov.au.

If you have any questions about screening or these changes, please speak with school staff.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Quiz Night
A GLAMPSING QUIZ NIGHT FOR A CAMPING GOOD CAUSE!

Help us send disadvantaged youth on an adventure “Camp of a Lifetime” to experience the Great Barrier Reef and the Gold Coast Theme Parks.

14 May 2035 • Festival Functions 292 Findon Rd, Findon
Tickets $10 per person includes a meal and drink on purchase
Funds raised will go to “Our kids our future” the initiative that helps disadvantaged kids get the best start in life.

BIG QUIZ • SILENT AUCTION • RAFFLE

THE YMCA CAMPING DEPARTMENT CORDIALLY INVITE YOU

Safety, Trust, Respect
On Tuesday 5th April Mr Frost, Mrs Condon, Mrs Klingberg, Ms Howe, Mr Laney and Mr Govan travelled with the Year 7 students to Murray Bridge for our annual Aquatics camp. This year the students participated in kayaking, canoeing, small boat handling, knee boarding, sailing and some of them were even keen to attempt water skiing. A great time was had by us all and we returned home tired from an action packed 4 days away!