FROM THE PRINCIPAL…

What a wonderful success the Midway for Kids fundraiser was on Sunday 25th October! Congratulations to everyone who was involved in helping make it a great day - the M4K management team, the fundraising committee, class parent reps and stall coordinators and the volunteers who gave their time leading up to the event and on the day. We all worked together for a common goal which was ultimately to raise money for our school to benefit our students. It was also pleasing to see many of our older students (Cycle 3 & 4 students) volunteering and assisting on the day.

In addition to raising money, there are so many more positive outcomes that come from an event such as this; the community spirit that is built within our own community and with the wider community and the raised profile of our school.

I would particularly like to thank the M4K management team: Jodie Searle, Nicole Stewart, Amy Sierp-Worth, Anthea Hagar, Lisa Abrahams, Georgia Richmond.
I would also like to thank M4K stall coordinators: Janine Moses, Ellie Ross, Andrea Young, Michelle Guerin, Emma Cope, Vanessa Baryczka, Nicki Stewart, Heidi Kaethner, Amy Sierp-Worth, Susan Bruce, Catrin Daly, Sarah Tapscott & Carole Migalka and the Wairoa staff and students. A big thank you to all of the staff who assisted on the day. A special thank you to Nicki Stewart, who designed all of the posters, banners, advertisements and flyers. Also a special thank you to Susannah Bowden, a past parent who came back to volunteer on the day! Also a great big thank you to Cheryl Shigrov for donating the use of her bouncy castle on the day. I am pleased to announce that we raised $4500 on the day and we have decided that we will hold the event again in 2016. Thank you to those people who have completed our online survey that was emailed out to all families and staff. Your feedback is important to us and will help us organise a bigger and better event next year! If you would still like to complete the survey you can do so at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YQ9PWHQ

The survey will be open until Friday 13th November.

Once again well done to everyone involved & a BIG Thank you!

Some comments from the M4K survey:

- Great atmosphere and wonderful array of activities for kids!
- Great opportunity to socialise with other school families!
- Good location!
- The whole family had a fantastic time at Midway for Kids!
- Thought it was a peaceful, well run event!
- Great having staff, students and parents working alongside each other! It was a great day!

Next year Midway for Kids will be held on Sunday 23rd October 2016 – put it in your diary!

Cathy France – Principal
2016 FEES AND PAYMENT OPTIONS – WHOLE SCHOOL
All current families were emailed these forms last week and you will also find them on the Parent Portal.
- **Guide to the 2016 Fees**
- **2016 Fee payment options** - Please note that if you wish for your payment option to remain the same as this year, you do not need to return the Payment Options form. You will be notified of your new direct debit amounts by the end of this term.
- **OSHC 2016 Registration Forms**
  PLEASE RETURN THESE FORMS TO THE OFFICE BY 20TH NOVEMBER.

2016 Fee Assistance – Whole School
Applications for Financial Assistance for 2016 have been emailed to those families who applied in 2015. We encourage other families to contact the office if you are interested in receiving an application for Financial Assistance in 2016.

Family Database Check – Whole School
Next week you will be sent a link to your Parent’s Portal to check your child’s and family data. You will be able to make any changes necessary and update your data and then submit it to our admin staff for checking prior to it entering our database. This is another new technology that we are implementing and in the future if and when your contact & or health information changes you will be able to submit updates online throughout the year.

It is vital that we have up to date contact & health information for each student. We also use this data to prepare the School Directory during the school holidays, ready to distribute early next year. When you receive the email link, please make this a priority.

Transition to Wairoa - Whole School
Year 6 students moving to Wairoa campus and into the Adolescent Program next year and new students starting at the Middle School in 2016 will spend a whole day at Wairoa as part of their transition program next Thursday 12th November. A consent form has been sent home for this.

Parent Get Togethers – Whole School
The next Parent Get Together will be held Friday 27th November at 9.15am at Wairoa Campus. All parents from both campuses are invited no matter which campus your child attends! This is a great opportunity to visit the Wairoa campus where the adolescent students will be serving coffee & cake for a small charge as part of their economic enterprises. “Come along and have a cuppa!”

Thank You
Thank you to those families who this year have from time to time supported families in our community who are in need. In our school we have a structure to provide practical help to families within our school community who require support or assistance in times of need & or families who may be experiencing a crisis. Community support has taken the form of providing meals for families, helping with pick ups and drop offs of children and child minding. We appreciate your kindness and care, we know you have really made a difference to some of our families and have eased their burden and they have greatly appreciated the support.

Lucky Squares
Come into the office and buy a Lucky Square for $2 to be in the running to win a $20 dining voucher at the Bridgewater Inn. You’ve got to be in it to win it! - a 1 in 60 chance to win!

Stirling Christmas Pageant
The date for this years’ Stirling Christmas Pageant is...

**Sunday 15th November.**

The pageant-wide theme for this year is ‘Under the Sea.’ Considering ecosystems and feeding relationships, and just having a bit of fun, our school interpretation of this theme is…”Predator and Prey”.

The Stirling Pageant is approaching fast, and putting together the whole school entry is a massive job for the Adolescent Community. Our “mini-reel” will have a huge school of clownfish taking shelter from circling sharks, watched by a training crew of tiny scuba divers. Have a look at the gorgeous designs in the pageant notice that has been sent home and emailed to families. Cycle 4 students are currently working with Yultiwirra students on their costumes. If you haven’t already done so, please return the slip for your child’s involvement (NOW!) plus $4 for the pageant fund.

The key parent contact person is Georgia Richmond (geordyrose@hotmail.com). If you have any questions talk to Georgia or ask at the school office.

Technology Survey
In Term 3 this year we launched a new website and then subsequently launched a number of new technologies to work towards less paper communication between the school and parents. Our aim was to make communication more efficient, accessible and “greener”. We would love to get your feedback and thoughts to help us to continue to refine our practices and processes. All families will be sent a link to a new survey asking for your feedback or follow the link below. We would really appreciate it if parents could take a few minutes to complete the questions. Your input and feedback is valued.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WJ2TZPS

Christmas Toy Catalogues
Toy catalogues are available for school families and friends to purchase quality toys and games for children to 13yrs (in preparation for Christmas). There are three different catalogues for your perusal and can be collected from the office, pre-school or OSHC. You need to get your orders in now.

Segafredo Coffee Machine Fundraiser
A limited number of Segafredo coffee machines (The Gaggia Brera) are offered for sale at below recommended retail price with profits going to the school. These are brand new coffee machines, each with a 2 year manufacturers warranty supported by Segafredo in Adelaide. Also included is a 1kg bag of premium coffee beans.

The Gaggia Brera is a fully automatic coffee machine with digital display. It provides cafe quality espresso thanks to its Saeco Adapting Systems and is ideal for home or office use. A Gaggia Brera coffee machine is on display in the school office. All orders are placed at the school office. Price: $799

For any queries relating to the Gaggia Brera coffee machine please contact school parent Paul Evangelista 0407 719 844.

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**INFANT PROGRAM**

Evelina tending the Infant Program garden which the children have planted.

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**CYCLE 1 PRESCHOOL**

The preschool Montessori curriculum provides many opportunities for language development. In our cultural studies we have recently been learning about animals and the vocabulary of vertebrates & invertebrates. We have begun classifying animals into mammals and birds, and later we will classify fish, amphibians and reptiles. Students have had the opportunity to explore a variety of language material including the names of different Australian bird life and the parts of a bird. Language learning occurs in many different ways in our preschool activities.

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**CYCLE 1 PRIMARY**

Throughout Cycle 1 Primary's science lessons this year, the children have been coming up with their own ideas and suggestions they would like to experiment with. This term the Cycle 1 teachers decided that we would be following the children's interests and each week will be taking various children's ideas for the basis of our lessons. So far we have sketched native birds and made a classroom book to share. We made a volcanic eruption with lots of vinegar and bi-carb! This was definitely the highlight so far. Isaac and Sid said: "Let's hug each other and say goodbye in-case we explode".

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**CYCLE 2**

We began the term keen to learn about Light and Colour as it is the International Year of Light. Reviewing the primary colours through art activities we wanted (as young scientists) to discover a different way of producing the secondary colours. Using frozen icewedges of the primary colours, we predicted what would happen if we mixed two of the primary colours, eg. blue & red, blue & yellow, red & yellow, red & blue. Most importantly we wanted to know what would happen if we mixed all the primary colours together! Enthusiastic discussions followed around these predictions and each young scientist felt they had unlocked new discoveries.

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**CYCLE 3**

This term, Cycle 3 has taken on the exciting challenge of learning a hip hop routine as part of our PE / fitness and team-building curriculum. The primary goal is to build upon the students' skills, understanding and appreciation of teamwork and 'togetherness'. Angus Scott is a dance teacher at Adelaide's 'Flava Dance Studios'. He and his crew have attended many local, national and international competitions, such as World Supremacy Battlegrounds, where this year they placed 10th internationally! We look forward to seeing the end result of their 6 week course.

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**CYCLE 4 & SENIOR STUDENTS (Yr 10)**

The expedition group led last Sunday morning for the Glenelg River. Fourteen students (with adults Adam, Attila, Grant and Pippa) spent four days paddling upstream and camping independently. The first day was drizzly as we packed up our gear and struggled into the miserable headwind, but from then the sun shone and conditions were kinder. Unlike previous paddling expeditions, this time we were in double canoes rather than kayaks, so jumping in for cooling swims was popular as long as the pair had the strength to drag themselves back into their boat in a coordinated fashion! A small group hiked each day, rendezvousing with the paddlers along the way. They saw plenty of wildlife and were occasionally ferried in the boats. Each evening tent groups prepared their dinner looking out over the water under an awesome moon. We spent the final night at the Bunkhouse at Paestan Canoes, with a bbq, fire circle and foosball.

Meanwhile… the rest of the adolescent community travelled to Port Elliot with Tim, Alice and Michael to set up base camp. They had a fantastic day at Christies Beach with the adolescent students from Southern Montessori School, took boys’ and girls’ night walks, and spent hours surfing and body surfing at Middleton and Horseshoe Bay and leaping on the bouncy pillow at the caravan park.

By the time the expeditioners arrived all were ready for the 5th and grandest Trangia Masterchef Challenge! Compered outrageously by Alex, ably and ruthlessly run by Maggie, Isla, Ethan and Deklin, and judged by celebrity guests Wilderness Mike and Chef Grant, this annual event builds camp cooking skills through ambitious and delicious feats of cookery, and persuasive arts through the opportunity to ’sell’ their dishes. Laksa, kebabs and fabulous pastas were outdone by coyote quesadillas. And rainbow banana fritters, stuffed bananas and croissant stacks could not beat fresh doughnuts with raspberry chocolate saucing!

The final tired day involved packing, unpacking, a gentle meander round the rock pools and a beach paddle.
TERM 4 DIARY DATES

Tuesday November 10
Facilities Meeting 8.00am (Wairoa)
Finance Meeting 6.00pm

Thursday November 12
Year 8 Immunisation
Year 6 full day transition visit to Wairoa
OHS&W Meeting 3.45pm

Sunday November 15
Stirling Christmas Pageant

Tuesday November 15
Yultiwirra Sharing Assembly 9.30am
All parents invited
Executive Meeting 6.00pm
Board Meeting 7.00pm

Wednesday Nov 18 – Friday Nov 20
Cycle 3 camp

Friday November 20
Wairoa Café - Parent Get Together – 9.15am
Wairoa Campus – All Welcome!

Friday November 27
2016 Class Transition session

Tuesday December 1
Facilities Meeting 8.00am (Yultiwirra)
Executive Meeting 6.00pm

Wednesday December 2
Year 6 Graduation

Friday December 4
Adolescent Program Exhibition of Work & Learning
Cycle 4 (Yrs 9 & 10) Graduation

Monday December 7
End of Year Concert

Wednesday December 9
Term 4 Ends – 2.00pm

Check the school website for the detailed school calendar!

TERM DATES 2016

TERM 1: Tuesday 9th February - Friday 15th April
TERM 2: Tuesday 3rd May – Friday 8th July
TERM 3: Tuesday 26th July – Friday 30th September
TERM 4: Tuesday 18th October – Wednesday 14th December

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The unknown energy that can help humanity is that which lies hidden in the child.”
Maria Montessori

VACATION CARE

DECEMBER 2015 – FEBRUARY 2016

To help with your summer holiday planning you may wish to take note of the Vacation Care dates over December 2015 and January/February 2016.

Vacation Care will run from:
- Thursday 10th December 2015 – Friday 18th December 2015

Vacation Care will close

Vacation Care will reopen:
- Monday 11th January 2016 and run until Monday 8th February 2016

COMMUNITY NEWS

ADELAIDE YOUTH ORCHESTRA 2016 AUDITIONS:
Applications close – Friday 13th November, 2015.
Auditions on 5th & 6th Dec. at the Elder Conservatorium of Music.
Orchestral training programs which specifically have been developed to complement students’ school music and instrumental education.
The Adelaide Youth Orchestra has 4 orchestras that students are invited to audition for –
- Adelaide Youth Orchestra – 13 years and older (except harp & piano)
- Adelaide Youth Wind Orchestra – 13 years and older
- Adelaide Youth Sinfonia – 13 years and older (except harp & piano)
- Adelaide Youth Strings – 8yrs and older (primary students)
All information is available online and students/parents must apply online –
www.adyo.com.au or pick up an information flyer from the school office.

An Invitation to a Special Event:
A RICH HERITAGE – ART AND ROSES AT “THE CEDARS” HAHNDORF
This Sunday, 8th November from 10am – 5pm
Reflecting the passion of Hans Heysen and his family for the growing, arranging and painting of heritage roses. Also a market and plant stall.
Talks throughout the day by celebrated speakers: Allan Campbell, David Ruston, Walter Duncan, trevor Nottle & George Thompson.
Entry $20 (Children under 15 FREE) Morning and afternoon tea included.

Kensington Baseball Club – CARDINALS – LITTLE BASEBALL
An excellent activity that caters for children 4-8yrs old. The program focuses on teaching the basic skills while learning to play baseball and having fun.
Commencing Friday, 6th November on Friday evenings 6.00 – 7.30pm
Newland Park, Erindale. For Info & Registration
Ph: Arthur MacDonald on 0403 090 380 or www.kensingtoncardinals.com.au

This Sunday, 8th November at the Strathalbyn Memorial Garden commencing 9.30am. The main duck race is at 1pm where 2500 yellow plastic ducks will race. Proceeds from this event will be allocated to local community projects. Lots of other activities during the day.
Steam Ranger is putting on a special train service from Mt Barker for the day.

Credit Union CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: 9.30am Saturday, 14th November.

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