Welcome to this week’s newsletter

I mentioned in the last newsletter a number of student driven initiatives being planned for the school. The first of these initiatives was ‘Pink Day’ and took place on June 7, a day set aside to increase the awareness of breast cancer in Australia as well as to raise money for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. ‘Pink Day’ had many highlights including the staff netball game and the pink coated cup cakes, however it was the willingness by students and staff to involve themselves in this fantastic cause by wearing pink that leaves an indelible mark on my mind. The fact that over $1000 was raised is outstanding and therefore I take my hat off to Meagahan Watkins and Kaitlin O’Sullivan for putting in the considerable time baking, making phone calls and the numerous meetings in making this day a reality. Well done Meaghan and Kaitlin and well done to all who supported the girls.

Following on from the success of ‘Pink Day’, I am pleased to report that the Aboriginal Sports Academy Team performed exceptionally well and made the grand final of the Power Cup held at AAMI Stadium last weekend. The game was held as a curtain raiser to the Port Power game against the Sydney Swans. Unfortunately the boys were unsuccessful in winning the grand final but worked together as a team and accepted their loss with a positive headset given the challenges they have had to overcome to get to the grand final. My particular thanks go to Stuart Kenny, Noel Hartman, Joffre Pearce, Tracy Bellamy and Roxanne Rowland, who together put in countless hours in getting the boys to take the next step towards achieving success. Well done also to the boys themselves. It was a privilege to watch you all represent your school the way you did over the 3 days of the Power Cup. A full report of the Power Cup will be in the next newsletter.

Enjoy the week.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Phil Fitzsimons

CALENDAR

JUNE

Week 9
Mon 14 Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Tues 15 Parents and Friends 6.30pm
Governing Council 7.00pm

Week 10
Mon 21-Fri 25 Year 10 Work Experience

Week 11
Wed 30 Youth Opportunities Graduation

JULY

Fri 2 Senior Formal—Town Hall
Last day of Term 2—2.00pm dismissal

2010 TERM DATES

Term 1: Wed 27/1/10—Thur 1/4/10
Term 2: Mon 19/4/10—Fri 2/7/10
Term 3: Mon 19/7/10—Fri 24/9/10
Term 4: Mon 11/10/10—Fri 10/12/10

New Postal Address for Murray Bridge High School

Australia Post have made a change in the way they handle their mail delivery to local businesses. For this reason Murray Bridge High School has had to implement a new Postal Address. Our new postal address is as follows:

MURRAY BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
PO Box 1584
MURRAY BRIDGE S A 5253

Stationery with our new address on it will be available soon. Thank you in helping us with this transition by using our new mailing address when forwarding correspondence to the school.
STAFF NETBALL MATCH RAISES FUNDS FOR CANCER RESEARCH  By Hayley Nielsen and Helen Partridge

Breast Cancer Foundation
Female Staff v Male Staff Netball Match

During week 7 of this term, there was a lot of build up amongst staff for the annual female versus male staff netball match to raise money for the Breast Cancer Foundation. Staff worked closely with Year 11 Health students Maeghan Watkins and Kaitlin O’Sullivan to promote “Pink Day” at Murray Bridge High School.

In the lead up to the match there was much friendly and good humoured banter between the males and the females as the females were one up winning in grace last year. While the male staff trained hard during lunch times, the female staff worked together spending countless hours cutting and sewing their uniforms to wear on the day. Students had the chance to purchase tickets for the match at $1 each with all proceeds going to the foundation. During the day, pink cupcakes were sold, as well as the students having the opportunity to wear pink.

The gym was packed full of staff and students creating a fantastic atmosphere with lots of support for both teams.

The game began with both teams on fire, particularly goal shooter Noel Hartman, who had his eye in early. However Katie Noble worked hard in goal defence creating many turnovers and taking some fantastic intercepts. Miranda Mulder at goal keeper also displayed a high work ethic, using some unique and perhaps slightly illegal tactics to distract and curb Hartman’s influence. The male staff led by just one goal at quarter time.

The second quarter again proved to be a close one, with centre courters Helen Partridge, Alyce Robertson and Kathryn Reedy having a fantastic battle with Sean Rankin, Darryl Manfield and Daryl Porter. At times, the game proved to very physical with neither team afraid to show aggression. The males were again on top at half time, leading 17 to 14. MC Lynton Hall, with the help of Liz Hodge, kept the crowd entertained with his humorous comments and run down of the play.

The second half proved to be just as intense, with Jason Dikkenburg and Greg Lokan using their height in defence to stop state league goaler Caroline Davey and Hayley Nielsen. At the other end Jeff Lines used his speed to find space and score some great goals for the males. Star footballer Tyson Wait was also a valuable team member, using his athleticism to advantage.

Tim Zammit also made an impact at wing defence, showing a lot of determination and even taking a few dives. A switch of positions for the females in the last quarter, as well as support from the crowd, lifted the team, as they made a last ditch effort at a comeback. Unfortunately it wasn’t quite enough, with the males coming out worthy victors by four goals.

It is now one game all and the females are looking forward to revenge later in the year for the Movember Charity Match. It was a successful day all round, with the school raising $1008.10 for the Breast Cancer Foundation.

Thank you to Deb Lang and Tracy Kennett for their solid umpiring, and Heather Buddle for taking the time out of her day to score. Adam Sullivan also did an amazing job with the music, keeping both teams fired up during the breaks.

The first netball match of the year featured some fantastic displays from both teams. Head coach Greg Lokan looks on as Darryl Manfield attempts to take the ball down court. Photo: Hayley Nielsen

Back row: Jason Dikkenberg, Daryl Porter, Caroline Davey, Miranda Mulder, Katherine Reedy, Jeff Lines, Tyson Wait and Greg Lokan.

Greg Lokan prepares to defend the ball against Hayley Nielsen as Jason Dikkenberg watches on.
PEDAL PRIX ROUND 1 AT VICTORIA PARK
By Zak Vlaanderen and Isaac Brooks

On Sunday 30 May we all jumped out of bed, pumped for dodging and weaving 200 other bikes on the one kilometre track. The school provided a big coach liner with TV and it dropped us right on the race course. Your heart is in the top of your throat pounding like a jackhammer. The weather was determined to hold us back but turned the track into a challenging and eventful race.

As the three riders sat waiting for the start, the brittle coldness was no distraction as the anticipation held them tight waiting for the Australian flag to drop. As they approach the first bend the carnage was extensive, lucky enough our bikes stayed on track dodging rolling bikes and battling being rammed from behind.

As you pass the Murray Bridge High School pit, they are screaming encouragement which makes the burning sensation in your legs soon forgotten. After fighting your way through several laps its time to pull into the pits for your next rider to jump in and take off. As you struggle to overcome jelly legs, pats on the back are coming from all directions.

The day was reasonably smooth until the Elite bikes derailer bent which resulted in the pulley bearing smashing itself.

After two hours of rebuilding the bike it was finally ready to roll onto the track. It was a great deal of work getting the bike rideable, but a great appreciation is sent out to the mechanics who worked on the bike.

The Junior team’s bike was in a collision with the number one bike on the field which resulted in one of the Junior bike’s wheels being cracked in half.

Thanks to Brenton Altmann who helped out with the mechanics, Scott Bradley, Sam Cozens, Angela Embling, Meenu Sood, Heather Buddle, Steve Ide, Phil Fitzsimons and the parents who helped out with supervision and team management. Thanks also to Zara Lehmann for helping get the Pedal Prix tops printed and Norm Clements, Phil Bond and the polymer people for their work on the Elite bike. We would also like to thank our sponsors Bunnings Warehouse, Coles, R S Nance, T and R Pastoral P/L, Byron Buddle Landscaping, The Innovation Training & Skill Centre and Haig & Menzel P/L.

Elite team - Duke Wilkinson, Zak Vlaanderen, Isaac Brooks (Teacher), Anthony Wilkin and Rhys Capes.

Senior team - Heather Buddle (parent) with Jayden Asser, Ashley Hefron, Stephanie Marsh, Trent Buddle, Eboni Nayda, Grantley Byrne and Ryan Lewcock.

Adrian Blanch helps Rhys Capes during driver transition
BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION – LANGUAGE CENTRES PROJECT

Pascale Construction Pty. Ltd. is the successful contractor for this project and work has been underway for the past 5 weeks to upgrade existing language classrooms in both the Middle and Senior Schools. Work being undertaken includes painting, floor coverings, window tinting, furniture, the provision of electronic whiteboards and data projectors and lockers. We are on track to complete the rooms in the Middle School by mid June and then work will commence in the Senior School.

As part of the Digital Education Project, the Language Centres will be equipped with new computers including laptops.

PROVISION OF RAMPS AND LIFTS

RS Nance Pty. Ltd. has completed the installation of a number of disabled ramps across the school site. Work is now underway to provide a lift in both two storey buildings. The exterior structure for both lifts has now been completed and the scaffolding removed. JPS Lifts will now supply and build the lifts. Once this work is completed, RS Nance will complete the foyer areas and install automatic doors as part of this project. The project timeline is for completion for the beginning of term 3.

TRADE TRAINING CENTRE/TRADE SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE

This Capital Works Project funded by the Federal government has been out to tender and the announcement of the successful contractor is expected soon. The Trade Training Centre will deliver training in Electro-technology on completion of the building in term 1 next year.

Two existing school sheds have been demolished to make way for the new building. The building of a new grounds maintenance shed has been completed. Trade Schools for the Future will also occupy this building with office provision for the Assistant Principal, Roxanne Rowland, the VET Officer, Noel Hartman and the Apprenticeship Broker, Barb Elston.
Year 8/9 Boys Knockout Football Carnival
By Mr Lines and Mr Porter

On Tuesday the 2nd of June Week 7, 20 determined, fit and strong Year 8/9 male students took part in a Knockout Football Carnival held at the local Imperials Football Club. Other teams participating during the day were the South Eastern Fleurieu and Unity College. It was a perfect day for football clear blue sky, not a breath of wind and a bus full of football players who were excited and pumped up. Our first game was against the South Eastern Fleurieu team. We got off to a poor start and they got the jump on us. We finished off strong in the second half; however we couldn’t get the margin close enough to prevail victorious. We went down by seven goals.

The next match was played out between South Eastern Fleurieu and Unity College. Our school team watched closely taking notes of key players and studying game styles as our next game was against an up and running Unity team.

Our second and final game against Unity College started well. The boys worked well as a team laying shepherds, strong tackles and linking up possessions well. At times you could have thought you were watching a Pathways Squad play. The backline as a whole were running off their men with confidence, covering for each other and our forwards were presenting well making second and third efforts. The voice of our boys, encouraging one another and demanding the football could be heard from the main street, our boys had the focus and determination of a team that wanted victory.

In the second half we made a good start but couldn’t convert in front of goal. Unity kicked three quick goals and I thought the boys were going to let the game slip. As a strong and united team they persisted and fought back kicking answering goals just before the three quarter time whistle. In the last quarter the Unity players looked fatigued and our boys saw this and ran over the top of them. Murray Bridge High School triumphed by eight goals.

The boys were excited about the victory and experienced success as a team working together towards a common goal. As coach of the team it was great to see so many young well skilled students working together, encouraging each other and remaining focused throughout the matches. This team of year 8/9 students were gracious in defeat and humble in victory, they represented themselves and the school very well and are to be congratulated for their efforts and attitude.

To make this day possible we had several Senior School students assisting with the field, boundary and goal umpiring. These excellent officials and role models were Year 11 student Ben Gogel and Year 10 student’s Deklan Banks, Ryan Belt, Aaron Pratt and Jordan Richards. Teachers and parents of other schools as well as our own made many positive comments about these students, demonstrating maturity and leadership beyond their years. Thankyou and well done officials!

In summary it was a great day for the students and staff involved. Later in the year is the 9-a-side Football Carnival and I hope that I can inform you all of further team success.

Assistant-Ben Gogel, Aaron Pratt, Jordan Richards, Ryan Belt and Deklan Banks
Music In The Community
By Sean Hickey

The music students of Murray Bridge High School have been kept very busy this term with performances both in school and in the community. The School Concert band performed for the Transition Information Night on the 2nd of June to perspective Year 8 parents and students for 2011. The Drama Workshop hosted approximately 150 people who enjoyed some pre-event music from the concert band and also a solo performance from Ivan Detoya on the keyboard. Ivan is a Year 12 music student who is completing four music units in Solo Performance, Musicianship, Music Technology and Ensemble Performance.

Only two days later the School Concert Band was in full swing again for the Gala Day of the newly refurbished Murray Bridge Town Hall. The band had the pleasure of performing on the stage with the new sound system and lighting, which made for a memorable experience for the students. We were able to make the most of the back stage area to organize music and instruments before students made the ascent to the stage area.

The band performed an excellent set of music, which featured soloists Kym Addington (vocals), David Graham (trumpet), Ivan Detoya (keyboard), Molly Kneebone (vocals) and Kaitlyn Pfeiffer (vocals).

We then had two music students, Madeleine Binney and Joel Calliss from Year 11 perform for the Meals on Wheels 40th Anniversary Dinner on Tuesday the 8th of June. This duo played and sung their way into the hearts of their listeners and represented the school in a positive manner.

We in the music department appreciate all the support that parents have given our students this past term as their success would not be possible without it. We look forward to the future with anticipation of what these students will be able to create and contribute to the community of Murray Bridge.

Up Coming Performances:
The Hills Band Festival, on Sunday the 27th of June (end of week 10) at Lobethal Town Hall @ 12:30. Tickets are $10 for Adults and $5 for concession and can be purchased at the door. We will be performing before the Murray Bridge Community Band, so come and enjoy an hour of music from Murray Bridge’s best musicians.

Front Row: Nicola Lannan, Rochelle Klenke, Kym Addington, Bethany Reed and Melita Cottrell.
Back Row: Bradley Rudloff, Mr Longden, Mr Hickey, Anthony Wilkin and David Graham.

Madeleine Binney and Joel Calliss perform at the Meal on Wheels 40th Anniversary Dinner.

Front Row: Molly Kneebone and Kym Addington.
Back Row: Renay Persello, Bradley Rudloff, Mr Longden, Nicola Lannan, Rochelle Klenke, Mr Hickey, Anthony Wilkin, Bethany Reed, David Graham and Skye McPherson.

Back Row: Katie Sutton, Bradley Rudloff, Mr Longden, Mr Hickey, Anthony Wilkin and David Graham.
STUDENTS ORGANISE A CUPCAKE DAY FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH
By Meaghan Watkins and Kaitlin O’Sullivan

On Monday the 7th of June, Murray Bridge High had a ‘Pink Day’ to raise money for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. This day was organised by Kaitlin O’Sullivan and Meaghan Watkins as part of their SACE Stage 1 Health course which requires students to plan and deliver a health promoting activity, which involved numerous meetings with the school Principal, Mr. Fitzsimons and phone calls to different organisations. The girls were motivated as both have family members who have been affected by this illness. Kaitlin and Meaghan baked 150 cupcakes on the Sunday beforehand to sell for $2 each on the day while P.E staff member, Katie Noble, spent her weekend cutting lengths of ribbon to also sell on the day for $1.

Another P.E staff member, Helen Partridge, organised a male versus female staff netball match, where the players had to pay $5 to play and student spectators purchased tickets for $1, this game raised $200 which was also donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

The day was a magnificent success with majority of students participating in some way or another. All up Murray Bridge High raised $1,008 for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Kaitlin and Meaghan would just like to thank everyone for their support with this event.

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED HOSTING A JAPANESE STUDENT?

At the start of term 3 Murray Bridge High School will be hosting 10 students from Funabashi High School in Japan.

Following a very successful visit early this year we are now expecting 10 students (3 male and 7 female) to arrive on the last Saturday of the school holidays and to leave on Sunday, 1 August.

During the school day the students will be taught English (and participate in some excursions). At night and on weekends they enjoy doing what your family does. This may include going to sport, shopping, visiting friends or relatives or whatever you choose to do as a family. There is no expectation for you to cook special meals and the students are able to share a bedroom – they do not have to have their own.

If you are at all interested in hosting and would like to find out more, please either phone Helen Peake at the High School on 85321788 or come in for a chat. All host families must be prepared to have a Police Check done on anyone living in the home over the age of 18 years.

An experience like this can lead to lifelong friendships and a better understanding of another culture. We look forward to hearing from you.
REMINDER
This is the last year that the old royal blue shirts and jumpers will be part of our school uniform. Next year only the new navy shirt and jumper will be accepted as appropriate school uniform (see below). The new uniform is available from the Student Services Office.

CONGRATULATIONS BRYCE GILLETT AND BRIAN DAVIS
In a ceremony recently held at the Goyder Pavilion at the Wayville Showgrounds, Bryce Gillett and Brian Davis received an Award from the DECS CEO Mr Chris Robinson for completing their Certificate IV in Leadership and Management.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL GIRLS NETBALL CHALLENGE
By Alyce Robertson and Caroline Davey

In Week 6 of this term, a group of students (Meaghan Watkins, Nicole Rumbelow, Asheigh Horsnell, Karleena Sunderland, Hannah Lewis, Hannah Kluske, Sharna Hoffman and Sophie Ansell) were selected to assist at the International Schoolgirls Netball Challenge at ETSA Park Netball Stadium, Mile End. This was a School Sport Australia event where school aged teams from Australia, New Zealand, Pacific Islands and Malaysia compete across the week. The students involved were required to collect results, take photos, conduct interviews and publish the information in a newsletter that was distributed daily and also posted on the school sport website. The girls displayed excellent organisational skills and communicated well with event officials, players and spectators, gaining positive recognition for themselves and the high school.

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