Presentation Night
On Monday 3rd December Murray Bridge High School held its annual Presentation Night in the school gymnasium. This was a celebration of the achievements of students throughout the 2012 school year. We offer a diversity of programs for students, aiming to cater for the needs of each individual. The list of recipients of awards included in this newsletter is testament to this. While Presentation Night formally acknowledges the achievements of many students, the efforts of those whose names were not mentioned should also be acknowledged. All students who work hard and strive for excellence make huge contribution to the school.

Congratulations to Steven Herbig and Mikajla Bjelovarac on being recognised as the male dux and female dux of Murray Bridge High School for 2012. As well as achieving extremely high standards academically, these students have embraced the school values of “Excellence, Respect and Working Together” fully through their conduct and involvement in school affairs.

A highlight of the evening was a presentation by Helen Peake. As 2013 is our centenary, Helen spoke of the history of Murray Bridge High School. As she was speaking, she showed a collection of historical photographs on a big screen. A number of parents, caregivers and invited guests were featured in the photographs, and memories came flooding back. The presentation was very entertaining and some of the photographs the source of considerable amusement.

A special mention is reserved for Rosslyn Gunn who hosted the night so well with Liz Hodge.

SAASTA Showcase and Awards Evening
On Wednesday 5th December, the South Australian Aboriginal Sports Training Academy held its Showcase and Awards Evening at the Crowne Plaza in Hindmarsh Square.

There are 14 academies within schools in SA, with approximately 300 students enrolled.

The Academy has Key Performance Indicators which all academy students must aspire to achieve and maintain:
- Maintain a strong attendance rate (minimum 80%)
- Adhere to the school Behaviour Management Code
- Show a high standard of teamwork and actively participate in all aspects of SAASTA
- Represent SAASTA at school, in the community and at events and competitions in a positive manner.
- Show a high standard of respect and courtesy toward all staff, students, coaches and visitors
- Conduct themselves with a high standard of sportsmanship in all aspects of practice and competition
- Wear the SAASTA uniform with pride and with a high manner of respect for the brand.
- Academic success in all curriculum areas including non-SAASTA subjects.

In winning the Male SAASTA Student of the Year, Clarrie Garlett was recognised as achieving these performance indicators to the highest level. With Dwayne Wilson winning the SAASTA Sportsperson of the Year and Maegan Hurford being announced as a member of the SAASTA Representative Netball Squad, Murray Bridge High School had a very successful evening.
AWARD WINNERS

SPECIAL PRIZES
Dux of School (donated by Drs M & F Altmann)
Steven Herbig
Mikaela Boccaccio

Liebelt Award of Excellence
(donated by Mr & Mrs R G Peake)
Flynn Watson

McLaren Scholarship
(donated by Mrs B & Mr G McLaren)
Max Lang

McLaren Scholarship
(donated by Mr H & Mr D McLaren)
Mikaela Boccaccio

Long Tan Scholarships
(donated by Australian Defence Force)
Year 10 – Qixun Huang
Year 11 – Jayden Asser
Year 12 – Roslyn Gunn

Clair Harrop Memorial Award
(donated by Gary Harrop)
Bill El Homsi

Masonic Lodges Scholarship
(donated by the Lodges of Sinclarity, Murray Bridge & Mypolonga)
Pascal Munyanze

Murray Lodge IOOF Award
(donated by Murray Lodge)
Christopher Goode

Murraylands Apex Australia Award
(donated by Murraylands Apex)
Steven Herbig

Marj Byerlee Encouragement Award
(donated by the Ministry in Schools Task group)
Sofie Dean

Environmental Awards
(donated by SA Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board)
Ethan Hines

Glad Bonsor Memorial Award
(donated by the Soroptomists Club)
Miranda Willersdorf

Dux of Year 12 Mathematics
(donated by Julian Taylor)
Steven Herbig

YEAR LEVEL DUX
Year 8 (donated Carpet Court)
Jasmine McLoughlin
Lauren Gibbs

Year 9 (donated Link SA)
Corey Blanch
Courtney Klenke

Year 10 (donated by Southern Cross Cleaning P/L)
Rachel Anderson
Hannah Smith

Year 11 (donated by Devon Clothing)
Mikaela Boccaccio
Max Lang

GOVERNING COUNCIL ACADEMIC AWARDS
(donated by Murray Bridge High School Governing Council)

Year 8
Rachel Roccisano
Luke Zadow

Year 9
Reece Waltrovitz
Courtney Afford

Year 10
Luke Kluske
Ru Li

Year 11
Megan Lannan
Elizabeth Mafara

FULL IBMYP CERTIFICATES
Mikaela Boccaccio
Claire Buhagiar
Jordan Holmes
Ivana Janssen
Tiffany Ladham
Paige Lawrence
Elizabeth Mafara
Dana McDonald
Rebecca Ziersch

SERVICE AWARDS

Mayor’s Service Award
(donated by Rural City of Murray Bridge)
Flynn Watson

School Captain’s Award
(donated by Rotary Club of Tailem Bend)
Flynn Watson

School Vice Captain’s Award
(donated by Haig & Menzel & Murray Heating and Cooling)
Hannah Kluske

Rotary Award (Leadership)
(donated by Rotary Club of Murray Bridge)
Lauren Mahoro

Rotary Award – (Service)
(donated by Rotary Club of Murray Bridge)
Sofie Dean

Rotary Award (Service)
(donated by Rotary Club of Murray Bridge)
Lauren Mahoro

Achievement Award
(donated by Murray Bridge Auto Parts)
Ethan Hines

Service Award
(donated by McCue’s Bakery)
Phea-Jae Gage

Achievement Award
(donated Koh Architects)
Elizabeth Mafara

Presentation Night by Helen Peake
SPORTS AWARDS
Sportswoman of the Year
(donated by Mr R Nance)
Nikki Dougall
Sportsman of the Year
(donated by Murray Valley Standard)
Joel McFee
Frank Clarke Memorial Award
(donated by Mr Rod Davis)
Nathan Wright

SUBJECT PRIZES
English Studies
(donated by Ms Wendy Wells)
Sophie Ansell
English Communications
(donated by Rotary Club of Mobilong)
Mikajla Bjelovarac
English as a Second Language
(donated by Koh Architects)
Lauren Mahoro
Middle School ESL
(donated by T & R)
Jing Huang
ESL – Encouragement Award
(donated by T & R)
Shige Cai
Chinese Background Speakers Award
(donated by T & R)
Feng Huang
ESL – Academic Achievement
(donated by Southern Cross Cleaning Pty Ltd)
Ru Li
Year 10 English
(donated by Peter Semmler QC)
Achihe Nkhai
Specialist Mathematics
(donated by Adrian Pederick MP)
Steven Herbig
Mathematical Studies
(donated by Dr & Mrs R Thompson)
Steven Herbig
Mathematical Applications
(donated by Murdoch InsureInvest Pty Ltd)
Mikajla Bjelovarac
Clair Harrop Memorial (Year 10 Maths)
(donated by Mr G Harrop)
Cadeau Bichengu
Chemistry
(donated by Des & Mim Warner)
Steven Herbig
Physics
(donated by McAlister Painters)
Steven Herbig
Biology
(donated by Graham Quast Home Loans)
Kayla Schultz
Agricultural Encouragement Award
(donated by Mr & Mrs H Stephen)
Sofie Dean
Cattle Handling
(donated by Murray Bridge Veterinary Clinic)
Sofie Dean
Information Processing & Publishing
(donated by Murray Computer & Office Shop)
Hayley Gibbs

Business & Enterprise
(donated by Murray Bridge Business & Tourism Inc)
Justin Fullgrabe
Legal Studies
(donated by Mason, Westover, Homburg)
Tahlee McKinlay
Food and Hospitality
(donated by Rainey Insurance Agencies Pty Ltd)
Danielle Horrocks
Year 12 Dance
(donated by Murray Bridge Players’ & Singers’)
Candice McLaughlin
Year 12 Music
(donated by Murray Bridge Players’ & Singers’)
Cassie Ladham
Drama Studies
(donated by Murray Bridge Players’ & Singers’)
Rhianna Shamon
Visual Arts (Art)
(donated by Premier Art Supplies)
Rhianna Shamon
Visual Arts (Design)
(donated by Artworks Framing & Gallery)
Kyra Richards
Year 11 Art Encouragement Award
(donated by Artworks Framing & Gallery)
Blossom DAMann
Year 11 Art Encouragement Award
(donated by Artworks Framing & Gallery)
Tiffany Ladham
The Tessa Whitworth Memorial Prize for
Year 11 Fine Arts
(donated by Mr & Mrs J Twigden)
Hedanne Flores
Physical Education
(donated by Hughes and Loveday)
Mikajla Bjelovarac
Year 12 Health
(donated by Anderson Solicitors)
Sophie Ansell
School Based Apprenticeship
(donated by Trade School for the Future)
Brodie Walding
Regional VET Award
(donated by DEC Industry Skills Manager)
Cassandra Dawson
School & Beyond
(donated by School & Beyond)
Danielle Horrocks

Australian National Chemical Analysis
Competition
Excellent Team Award
Flynn Watson, Nidhi Bawa, Teagan Jacobs

International/Exchange Students 2012
Kaylyn Berg
Ina Brunbauer
Dong Suansamut
Antonia Cox
Julia Gieremik
Max Apel
Saskia Moritz

Regional Disability Unit Awards
Casey Collins (Senior)
Bj Wardle (Junior)
Intro-Welding Course by Greg Fulwood

Last week students attended the third intro-welding course arranged at TAFE Murray Bridge. The course has been designed to introduce the students to basic Arc, Oxy/Acetylene and MIG welding techniques as a taster to a full year VET Course being offered in 2013.

Following their successful completion of this introductory course the students will be applying for the Training Guarantee for SACE Students (TGSS), which will fund their full VET Course should they wish to carry on.

VET Awards by Roxanne Rowland

On Tuesday 27th November I had the pleasure of attending the VET Graduation of our students who attended VET courses organised through INAP (Inner Northern Adelaide Partnerships) Training and Development Provider. Students who attend these courses from Murray Bridge High School travel to Adelaide each week, often after school hours, to attend training in areas not available through our regional VET courses. The courses are attended by students from across the city with many from Private Schools in Years 11 and 12.

Congratulations to Ben Gilgen – Year 10 who was presented with the Outstanding Student Award within the Architectural Drafting course. This award is based on punctuality, attendance, class participation, handing work in on time, positive attitude and effort. Ben has used the experiences of the course to redefine his future career and school goals. Well done Ben.

Congratulations to Kyra Richards, who also attended the Architectural Drafting course as a copy of her design for an inner city apartment meeting the specified design brief, has been selected to be an exemplar for future classes.
Year 11 Leadership Day

by Liz Hodge

On Monday Week 8, four students attended a Leadership Day held at the Convention Centre along with over 500 other students from around the state.

The students, Miranda Willersdorf, Elizabeth Mafara, Mario Deionno and Jayden Wohlfell listened to a variety of speakers including Nat von Bertouch the Australian netballer, Avril Henry, business leader and author; Delta Goodrem, actress and singer, and SA Police Commissioner Burns.

The focus of the day was on developing personal, school and community leadership with goal setting, communication and making good decisions among the areas covered.

The four students agreed that it was a challenging but exciting day which has helped them aspire to be part of a leadership team at Murray Bridge High School in 2013.

SAASTA Awards Night

by Miranda Mulder

On Wednesday 5th of December, the SAASTA Showcase and Awards Night was held at the Crowne Plaza in Adelaide.

Murray Bridge High School was well represented in the awards ceremony with Maegan Hurford being announced as the Goal Defence in the SAASTA Representative Netball Squad, Dwayne Wilson winning the SAASTA Sportsperson of the Year and Clarrie Garlett winning the Male SAASTA Student of the Year. Murray Bridge High School also won the SAASTA Academy of the Year for the second year in a row.

We are very proud of the students who won these awards and are pleased that the team’s efforts have been recognised.

We look forward to another successful year for the SAASTA team in 2013.

Have an international student to stay…. and give your family an international experience without leaving home.

The Department for Education and Child Development (DECD), International Education Services (IES) has recently been awarded a contract to host over 100 students from the Brazilian State of Pernambuco.

We are currently seeking homestay families who are able to host a student for 6 months, beginning 22nd January to 29th July 2013. Students range in age from 16 to 17 and families will be reimbursed $240.00 per week to cover the costs of hosting a student. It is a fantastic opportunity for your family to aid your school community and provide an international experience that your children will never forget.

If you are willing to host one of these students, please contact Helen Peake at Murray Bridge High School on 8532 1788 or mobile 0411 657 104.
REMINDER

Front Office hours for the week beginning Monday, 17/12/12 to Friday 21/12/12 are 8.30am – 12.00pm.

Student reports not collected on the last day of term will be mailed out during this week.

Payment of school fees for 2013
Materials & Services Charge 2013 – due to be paid by Friday, 12 April 2013.

The Student Services Office will be open for the payment of fees from 8.30am to 4.30pm on the preferred days of:

Monday, 21 January, 2013 – Year 8
Tuesday, 22 January, 2013 – Year 9
Wednesday, 23 January, 2013 – Year 10
Thursday, 24 January, 2013 – Year 11
Friday, 25 January, 2013 – Year 12/13

Please contact the school to arrange payment of fees outside of the above hours. EFTPOS facilities are available during the above office hours only. If you have more than one child at the school, you can pay all fees on the most convenient day. Uniform sales will be available from the Devon Uniform Shop during the times listed above. Applications for School Card can be completed in the Resource Centre during the times listed above.

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SCHOOL CLOSURE

Fri, 6 Sep - Show Day

WORK TOGETHER

It can be difficult for both parents to be on the same page when they raise their children.

Ever had a child who keeps asking for a favour or a treat until they get the response they want?

Some kids are adept at getting their own way at home. They generally use one of two methods to get their own way. They may either nag or hound you until they get an affirmative or they will seek out an adult who will give them the answer they want.

METHOD 1 - PERSISTENCE

The first method, which is based on persistence, is generally very effective to use with tired parents and sole parents who are more susceptible to this type of behavior. “All right have the treat. Anything for some peace and quiet” is a response that most people who have spent time around children are familiar with.

METHOD 2 - MANIPULATION

The second method is a little more devious but very effective and usually occurs in dual parent families. You know the situation. A child’s request for a treat, favour or outing is turned down for good reason (‘No Jessica you can’t have an ice cream now. Wait until after dinner’) but the child goes to the other parent who may well give them the affirmative they are seeking.

Minor happening but very irritating. These situations are indicative of two people who are operating on different parenting planes. If it happens every now and again then it is no big deal. However, if one parent is always granting a child his or her wishes without consultation or thought of how the other parent thinks or what they are doing then it is probably time to step back and reflect on how you can both work together. If it happens frequently your child will learn how to play one parent off against the other or manipulate situations until they get what they want.

It may sound sinister but it’s not. It’s just how we human beings tend to think and behave. This type of parental manipulation can occur for many reasons. Either it is due to different standards of behaviour or thoughts about bringing up children or a lack of understanding about what has happened in a child’s day.

HOW TO WORK TOGETHER

- Communicate. Regardless of the reason it means that parents need to communicate and also get the message across that it is taboo to keep seeking out a parent until they get the response they want.
- Be firm. Parents should be firm with a child who goes to another parent in search of a yes after they have received a knock back from another.
- Defer to your partner whenever children catch you unawares with a request. “Okay, I’ll just check with dad and I’ll get back to you.” This strategy can be a little wearing and even artificial but it demonstrates that you are a double act.

Most dual parents play good cop/bad cop where one is more the disciplinarian or hard-line manager and the other is the play director. That tends to be the way of families. This is wearing on the bad cop so it helps if you can swap roles occasionally (or even backbones) and give the other parent a break.