

MILLICENT HIGH SCHOOL

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

School improvement and the External review

Term two saw significant time go into the External Review of our school. The final report is now available on our website <http://www.millicenths.sa.edu.au> but certainly supports the view that our school has been through a significant successful improvement process over the last four years since the 2017 review. We continue to put students at the centre of our decisions and put maximum energy into delivery of quality learning for all students. We have also worked hard to improve the wellbeing of our staff and students over the last four years. We have a great leadership team and teachers at the moment who are particularly committed to our literacy and numeracy improvement agendas. Word of the week (literacy and numeracy focused), TEEL, reading groups, student goals, and Colour folders in Maths are all examples of this improvement that occurred last term and will continue in term 3.

Parent involvement

At the end of last term we had our first whole school Gallery Walk on the afternoon of Tuesday the 29th of June with parents being invited to attend. Student work was on display and this was a new initiative to share what students are learning with parents and students in other year levels. The 'Gallery Walk' replaced our traditional whole school assembly last term. This year we have also introduced 'meet the teacher' evenings across the school and also encouraged Year 8 parents to feel welcome to visit during homegroup.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUED...

This term parents will have access to information about their child's assignments and when things are due via Google Classroom. Parents that are having problems accessing this should contact our front office who will be able to support them to get access or put them in touch with someone who can. As a school we value parent involvement and support of learning, but acknowledge that this becomes more difficult during secondary school.

Camps, Sport and Excursions

It was great to see so many opportunities for students to learn and gain experiences away from the site last term. This continues this term with all Year 9 and 10 students having the opportunity to go to Adelaide over the next two weeks. Students taking advantage of these sorts of opportunities is so important for the 'all-round' education that we try to provide here at Millicent High School. Parents that have trouble meeting the cost of excursions and camps should contact the camp organiser and / or our business manager Peter Duncan about time payment or social justice funds support.

Staffing

Last term several on-going (permanent) appointments were made for next year. Joey Kemplay-Hill and Ellie Walker both won permanent appointments which is a great result for our school and students. Morgan Lindner, the upper primary teacher at Beachport Primary School, also won a permanent position at our school and will start next year working with our Year 7 and 8 students. Stephanie Gilbert, our Numeracy / Maths / Science Coordinator was reappointed for a further five years, another great result for our school. Currently the panel process for the Principal's position, starting next year, is getting underway and we should know who the new principal is during this term.

Regards

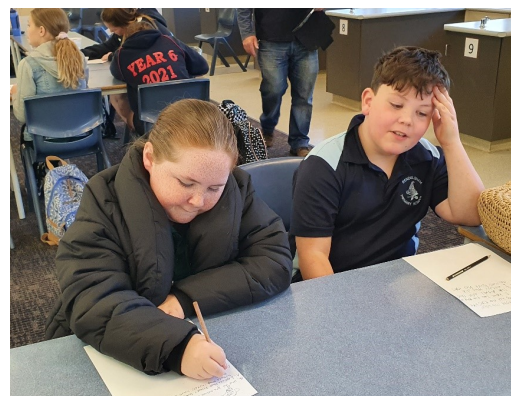
JOHN SHELTON

PRINCIPAL

Year 6/7 Transition Visits

Newbery Park, Mt Burr, Rendlesham and a few Beachport Primary students started their transition to high school.

Students had the opportunity to use the middle school to complete their own literacy learning with their current class teacher. They used the STEM theatre to complete engineering design thinking to produce a track for a sphero to navigate. In the science labs, they investigated cells and organisms using the compound and digital microscopes. The gym was used for some indoor hockey and our fabulous tech teachers taught a lesson to make wooden whistles. Rendlesham and Mt Burr had the chance to collaborate to help them form connections with students from outside their small site. We look forward to the next time they visit.



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea



On Thursday May 20th, the Stage 1 Food and Hospitality classes catered for MHS staff to participate in 'Australia's Biggest Morning Tea' to raise funds for the Cancer Council. Students worked to develop knowledge about catering for large groups, and were given the challenge to create a combination of dishes that support a variety of dietary requirements. The morning tea was a success, raising valuable funds for the Cancer Council. Well done Stage 1 students!



ADELAIDE ATHLETICS

In week 11, term 1 MHS students from year 8-12 participated in the D1 Statewide Athletics competition held in Adelaide. All students represented Millicent with pride and excellence. We had a lot of students that placed in their events on the day which was wonderful to see.



J. Cushion

1st Open Boys 100m
2nd Open Boys 200m
2nd Open Boys High Jump

B. Sandow

3rd U/16 Boys 100m
1st U/16 Boys Hurdles
2nd U/16 Boys 4x100m Relay
2nd U/16 Boys Discus

E. Redman

1st U/16 Boys 200m
1st U/16 Boys 400m
1st U/16 Boys 800m
2nd U/16 Boys 4x100m Relay

C. Kelly

1st U/15 Boys 200m
2nd U/16 Boys 4x100m Relay
2nd U/15 Boys Triple Jump
1st U/15 Boys High Jump

M. Varcoe

3rd Open Boys 400m

H. Thwaites

3rd U/14 Boys 800m
3rd U/14 Boys Triple Jump

C. Golding

2nd Open Girls 400m
1st U/16 Girls 90m Hurdles
1st U/15 Girls 4x100m

K. Peak

2nd U/14 Girls 400m

M. Gysbers

3rd U/14 Girls 800m
1st U/14 Girls 1500m

T. Lang

3rd Open Boys 1500m

B. Sharp

2nd U/15 Boys 1500m

J. Bowering

1st Open Boys 3000m

J. Todd

2nd U/16 Boys 4x100m Relay
1st U/16 Boys Triple Jump
3rd U/16 Boys Long Jump
2nd U/16 Boys High Jump
3rd U/16 Boys Javelin

P. White

1st Open Boys Shot Put

W. Wilson

1st U/14 Boys Javelin

E. Easterby

1st U/15 Girls 100m
1st U/15 Girls 800m
1st U/15 Girls 90m Hurdles
1st U/15 Girls 4x100m

E. Cytrowski

2nd U/15 Girls 200m
1st U/15 Girls 4x100m
2nd U/15 Girls Triple Jump
2nd U/15 Girls Long Jump

E. Little

2nd Open Girls 3000m

J. Lucas

3rd U/14 Girls 80m Hurdles

O. Baker

1st U/15 Girls 4x100m

D. Hateley

2nd U/16 Girls High Jump

L. Hateley

2nd Open Girls Shot Put

YEAR 11/12 SURF CAMP

The Year 11 and 12 Physical Education students participated in a 3 day camp at Robe as a part of their assessment for their senior studies. The students focused on skill learning and feedback, and then they had to create a written assessment which analysed their performance using these concepts.



AGRICULTURE LESSONS

**YEAR 11 AND 12 AGRICULTURE STUDENTS
HAVE BEEN LOOKING AFTER COWS IN
LESSONS RECENTLY AS PART OF THE COWS
CREATE CAREERS PROGRAM**



Pedal Prix

In June, our Pedal Prix team headed to Adelaide to compete in one of their races for the year.



FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS

The Open Girls
Football Team



The Open Boys
Football Team



The 8/9 Boys competed in the first round of the knockout football competition. They won a tight contest against Bordertown, scoring 6 goals to their 5. In the last game they were outgunned by a strong Naracoorte team scoring 1 goal to Naracoorte's 15. Coach, Pete was impressed that the boys stuck to their task and represented the school well. Congratulations to the players who were the best on the ground for the day: Kallan, Sam, Sam, Charlie, Jackson, Tyler and Jett. Overall the boys displayed good style, effort and determination. A special thanks to Jacob Todd, Alex, Cade and Ellis for umpiring and setting strong standards for senior students and representing our school with pride.



IDAHOBIT DAY

PRISM (the LGBTQIA+ group) and SRC combined to bring free rainbow pancakes and rainbow face-painting to school at lunch today for IDAHOBIT. We also met our new school mascot, Kendrick the Koala.



CONSERVATION & LAND MANAGEMENT

Conservation and Land Management Students have been engaging in Natural Area Restoration works on Country. Connecting to Aboriginal Culture on the land and with a seasonal focus of Caring for Country. Students are learning about the landscape and also species ID through scats and tracks. This project has been funded by the Limestone Coast Grassroots Grant Landscapes SA. CLM is an accredited Cert 2 Conservation and Land Management course through a school Visa Agreement with Tafe SA.



YOUNG WOMEN IN STEM

A group of very enthusiastic Year 9 and 10 female students travelled to Adelaide to participate in the Young Women in STEM program offered by the Adelaide University.

We travelled to Adelaide on Tuesday 8th June, on Wednesday morning we visited Adelaide University to join other students and their teachers from several other schools, at the Bonython Hall of the university, for an introductory presentation. There we learnt about opportunities in the fields of STEM available at the university.

For the rest of the day, students attended a number of sessions to learn about infectious diseases and the speed with which they are transferred, porosity of rocks, code cracking with an Enigma machine, which was used during the second world war, and creating climate resilient communities.

At the end of the day, we returned to Bonython Hall to hear some closing remarks and give the university feedback. Finally, we stopped to get dinner and drove to Millicent arriving back at the school at 9 pm.

The Young Women in STEM was a great opportunity for young female students to learn about different Mathematics, Science Technology and Engineering pathways and the importance of studying Mathematics and Sciences subjects in senior years. It was also a good opportunity for students to experience university life for a day and to meet like-minded female students from other schools.

Our students were great ambassadors for our school, and it was a real pleasure for us to accompany such an enthusiastic group of female students on this camp.





Parent Calendar

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	Jul 19	Jul 20	Jul 21	Jul 22	Jul 23	Jul 24	Jul 25
W1			Year 10 Camp	Year 10 Camp	Year 10 Camp		
	Jul 26	Jul 27	Jul 28	Jul 29	Jul 30	Jul 31	Aug 1
W2	Open Boys and Girls Basketball	Open Boys and Girls Volleyball Adelaide	Open Boys and Girls Volleyball Adelaide	Year 9 Camp	Lincoln College visit 9:15-10am yr 12's		
			Year 9 Camp		Year 9 Camp		
	Aug 2	Aug 3	Aug 4	Aug 5	Aug 6	Aug 7	Aug 8
W3		Year 8/9, Year 10 and Open Netball					
	Aug 9	Aug 10	Aug 11	Aug 12	Aug 13	Aug 14	Aug 15
W4							
	Aug 16	Aug 17	Aug 18	Aug 19	Aug 20	Aug 21	Aug 22
W5							
	Aug 23	Aug 24	Aug 25	Aug 26	Aug 27	Aug 28	Aug 29
W6							
	Aug 30	Aug 31	Sep 1	Sep 2	Sep 3	Sep 4	Sep 5
W7	PAT Testing ☐	PAT Testing ☐	PAT Testing ☐	PAT Testing ☐	PAT Testing ☐		
			Division B Netball Mount Gambier				
	Sep 6	Sep 7	Sep 8	Sep 9	Sep 10	Sep 11	Sep 12
W8	PAT Testing ☐	PAT Testing ☐	PAT Testing ☐	PAT Testing ☐	PAT Testing ☐		
	Sep 13	Sep 14	Sep 15	Sep 16	Sep 17	Sep 18	Sep 19
W9	PAT Testing ☐	PAT Testing ☐	PAT Testing ☐	PAT Testing ☐	PAT Testing ☐		
	Sep 20	Sep 21	Sep 22	Sep 23	Sep 24	Sep 25	Sep 26
W10	PAT Testing ☐	PAT Testing ☐	PAT Testing ☐	PAT Testing ☐	PAT Testing ☐		