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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

School improvement

This term, although we continue the improvement journey of teacher practice, literacy and numeracy, we will be reviewing the evidence and data for the year to develop our new three year Site Improvement Plan. An important part of this work will be done in our learning teams which are made up from a member of the leadership team and at least one member from each faculty. Our leadership team then puts together the feedback, evidence and ideas from our learning teams to inform our annual report and new plan.

NAPLAN

At the end of last term Year 9 parents would have received their child's NAPLAN results. The school results overall were positive with our numeracy and literacy continuing their steady improvement over the last eight years with numeracy reaching the highest ever mean score. Even more pleasing were the student growth or 'progress' results for both numeracy and literacy which were our best since NAPLAN was introduced. Student growth is, in my opinion the most important achievement, as growth indicates success regardless of the starting point or where a student currently is in their journey.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUED...

SRC and School Captains

Our school Captains and SRC have been particularly active this year and have made several creative and positive suggestions to me and Governing Council for our school. I congratulate them on their involvement and determination to improve our school. Most parents would know about the 'Clean up Millicent' day that SRC organised in week eight of last term. This was a day where students competed in house teams to clean up about 1.5 kilometres of the 'railway lands' that run either side of the school. Boandik were the overall winners with a huge amount of rubbish collected with Marditjali a very close second. It is very rewarding to see this commitment to our local town's environment by our students.

Student leaders also investigated a possible new logo and uniform for our school which involved consulting with staff, Governing Council and other students. In the end students were happy to retain our current logo so there will not be a change. Students and staff are also currently investigating the idea of a school wellbeing dog which was also a student proposal.

Farewell

This will be my last newsletter report to parents as I am taking leave from the 25th of October as a lead into retirement at the end of the year. Graham Bell will be the Principal for the last seven weeks of the year with Todd Watson taking up the position of Principal next year.

I started at MHS in January of 1999 as the Junior School Assistant Principal and took over from Graham Hambley as principal at the end of the third term of 2004. I have found the last seventeen years as principal of Millicent High School enjoyable, satisfying and rewarding. Our school is a great school and currently has an outstanding group of teachers and leaders. We have come a long way, particularly over the last five years, in our results and reputation. I will continue to live in Millicent having moved here in January of 1991 when I took up a Coordinators position at Kangaroo Inn Area School and have found this a great community to live and raise a family.

I wish all students and staff the very best for the future, in particular our Year twelves who begin exams in three weeks' time.

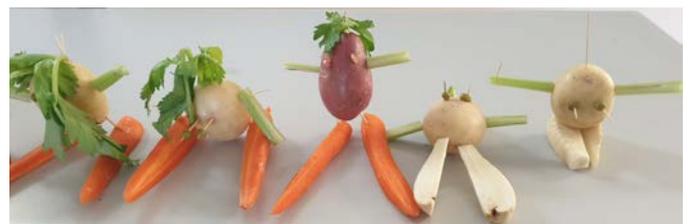
Regards

JOHN SHELTON

PRINCIPAL

Potato Babies

The Year 10s did an assessment task during their genetics lesson, they used vegetables to make potato babies. This demonstrated their learning of inheritance of traits from one generation to the next.



Science Week & Transition

During Science Week, the theme was “Food: Different by design”, our Year 11 Biology students created 3 experiences for our Year 8s and for a transition experience for Mt Burr, Rendlesham and St Anthony’s students. Students had the opportunity to sample alternative foods and guess which ones were from sustainable sources. They included— cheese vs dairy cheese, vegan vs meat patties, cricket powder brownies vs plain flour brownies, a dried cricket vs popcorn and vegan chocolate v dairy chocolate. They also made ice cream and looked at a range of foods under the microscope.



I learnt that crickets taste a little bit like popcorn- Sophie

I enjoyed eating crickets- Jackson

I learnt that Vegan cheese is yuck! - Leo



I learnt that crickets have protein in them- Harry

I found it interesting watching the video about saving food and how we could have insects in our diet- Sienna

I learnt that cricket brownies taste better than regular brownies - Jess

I learnt that you can make many different foods without using "normal" ingredients- Alexis

I found it interesting that they farm crickets- Tahnee & Kalani

I learnt that crickets don't taste that bad- Ella & Poppy

Making Ice Cream

I enjoyed making the ice cream- Will

I enjoyed making the ice cream because it was fun and it tasted good- Ella

It was fun making and eating the ice cream, but our hands got cold and salty- Henry

Making ice cream was challenging because of how cold it got- Zali



I learnt that putting ice and salt together will make a reaction to make it very cold- Sienna

I learnt how to make my own ice cream- Naga

I learnt that if you put salt in the ice it cools down faster, I learnt that it is easy to make ice cream- Elise

The ice cream was delicious- Nanear

Microscopes

I enjoyed using the microscopes- Jess

I enjoyed looking at the small stuff- Leo

I thought it was interesting that an orange peel has many layers- Poppy

I found looking at food under the microscopes very interesting- Jayden & Sebastian

I learnt that if you put things under the digital microscope it makes them look really big on the screen- Ally

It was interesting that egg shells are like freckly human arms under the microscope- Winston

It was interesting that pepper looked like a coconut under the microscope- Zali

It was interesting looking at different foods under the microscope. It was like looking into a whole new world with much more detail.- Alexis



Volcano Documentary



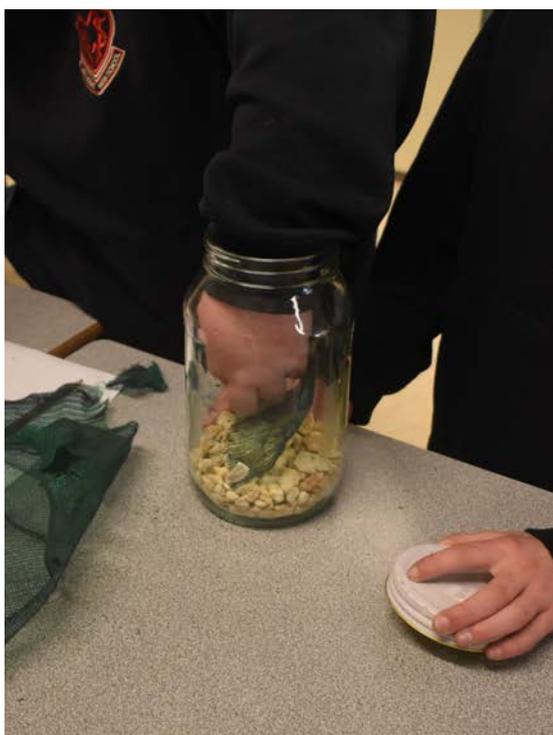
During Week 6 of Term 3, the Year 8 cohort participated in some Integrated Studies learning in which they travelled to Mount Gambier to view the locally filmed Documentary at the Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre, 'Volcano'. Students were invited to view the documentary as part of their English learning to write a review. They also participated in on-site learning at the Valley lakes, they were challenged to observe and sketch the landscape, along with on-site annotations using the information they learnt from the Documentary. Students demonstrated amazing enthusiasm and engagement throughout the excursion. Well Done to our Year 8's!



Terrariums

In Week 4 this term, each 9HASS class participated in making a terrarium. This practical activity was a way of working collaboratively to create a visual representation that supported the learning around the features of biomes.

“During this assignment Kaitlyn, Kiana and I created an example of a woodland biome within a terrarium..... A general woodland/forest biome consists of trees, moss, bushes and many smaller plants such as ferns; they often include wild flowers that cover the expanse of the forest or woodland floor..... This assignment has provided us with a visual representation of this particular biome in order to successfully understand the research and knowledge uncovered throughout this topic in a much deeper understanding.” Charlotte Fewster, 9HASS.



SPORT

Millicent High School had 13 students across Open Boys and Open Girls basketball teams, compete in the local Knockout competition. All of the Millicent students who were involved represented the school with a positive attitude and competitive spirit. Unfortunately, the boys missed out on making the Grand Final, going down by 2 points in extra time against MGHS, giving them a 3rd for the day. The girls were fortunate enough to make the Grand Final, going down to MGHS in the final.



Congratulations to Millicent High Schools first Open Boys Netball team who competed in the knockout competition at Scotch College today. The team won to Blackwood High School but unfortunately went down to Scotch College and Cabra College. As the day progressed, so to did their skill and understanding of the game.

Well done to all the girls that participated in either the Year 8/9, Year 10 and Open Knockout Netball teams. The Year 10 girls team were the most successful on the day winning all games and only falling short of a win in a game against Tenison College by 3 goals!



Well done to our Div B Year 8/9 Netball girls that competed at Olympic park. Both teams were very dominant on the day, displaying the large amount of talent we have coming through in our Netball at Millicent High School. Excellent effort girls!





BOOK WEEK



LGBTIQA+



On August 27th we celebrated 'Wear it Purple Day'- which is an annual LGBTIQA+ awareness day especially for young people.

Wear It Purple Day is all about creating a supportive, safe, empowering and inclusive environment for rainbow young people, which is absolutely vital in a school setting.

In honour of the day, students raised a rainbow flag to support the LGBTIQA+ community.



Outdoor Ed

Congratulations to the Year 10 Outdoor Ed students who completed their 2 day outdoor experiences camp in Robe.

The camp tested their resilience, stamina, leadership, teamwork, problem solving and physical abilities!

Thank you to Tracx Robe Adventure Tours and Stillwater Paddleboards.



National Science Week



To celebrate National Science Week some of our Year 10 students travelled to Uni SA Mount Gambier to participate in The Santos Science Experience. It was great to see the students invested in learning about how technology can be used to improve living conditions in developing countries and possible STEM careers.



Legacy of Sensei Hiroshi Haga

Our Japanese students celebrated the legacy of Sensei Hiroshi Haga (1946-2018) who was a shining beacon of light to the Japanese teachers of South Australia. Students had the opportunity to try Japanese curry and utilise the donated resources, which included a brilliant version of the board game Monopoly in Japanese.

The JLTASA - Japanese Language Teacher Association of South Australia has kindly donated Hiroshi's resources and we at Millicent High School are one of the proud recipients. We are grateful to the JLTASA, Hiroyuki Yamamoto and Coromandel Valley Primary School for the care and stewardship of the resources in recent years. The Japanese teaching and learning community at Millicent High is delighted to be able to further Hiroshi's legacy.



FOOD AND HOSPITALITY

In weeks 7 & 8, Stage 2 Food and Hospitality, Community Studies and Modified SACE students put their catering skills into action at events both at school and in the local community. Food and Hospitality and Modified SACE students developed and created "Grazing Boxes" for their teachers and mentors, as a thank-you gift for their support this year through their Year 12 studies.

Stage 2 Community Studies students were responsible for catering for a morning tea event at Millicent Community Church. All events received excellent feedback and provided valuable experience for the students involved.



Parent Calendar

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
W1	Oct 11	Oct 12	Oct 13	Oct 14	Oct 15	Oct 16	Oct 17
W2	Oct 18	Oct 19	Oct 20 Year 8/9 Boys and Girls Basketball	Oct 21	Oct 22	Oct 23	Oct 24
W3	Oct 25 Governing Council	Oct 26	Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31
W4	Nov 1 Essential 01:30am - 03:40am Mathematics Exam 1:30pm Mathematical Methods Exam 9am	Nov 2	Nov 3 General 01:30am - 03:40am Mathematics Exam 1:30pm	Nov 4	Nov 5 Biology Exam 09am - 11:10am 9am	Nov 6	Nov 7
W5	Nov 8 PE Week - 5 a side soccer Legal studies Exam 9am	Nov 9	Nov 10 PE Week- Lawn Bowls Year 10 Girls Basketball Adelaide. Psychology 09:10am - 11:10am Exam 9am	Nov 11 Physics Exam 09am - 11:10am 9am	Nov 12 PE Week- Festival of Sport	Nov 13	Nov 14
W6	Nov 15 Year 10 Outdoor Education Camp	Nov 16 Year 10 Outdoor Education Camp	Nov 17 Year 10 Outdoor Education Camp	Nov 18	Nov 19	Nov 20	Nov 21
W7	Nov 22 Year 10 Camp	Nov 23 Year 10 Camp	Nov 24 Year 10 Camp	Nov 25	Nov 26	Nov 27	Nov 28
W8	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1 Year 6 Transition	Dec 2 Celebration Of Achievement Year 6/7 Transition	Dec 3 Year 7 Transition	Dec 4 Graduation	Dec 5
W9	Dec 6 Year 9 Camp End of Year 6:30pm - 12am Presentation Night	Dec 7 Year 9 Camp	Dec 8 Year 9 Camp	Dec 9	Dec 10	Dec 11	Dec 12

A MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS FROM

Professor Nicola Spurrier,
Chief Public Health Officer



Dear parents and caregivers,

The COVID-19 pandemic has been a worrying time for all of us.

The Delta COVID-19 variant is twice as infectious as the original COVID-19 strain and there are now more cases in children and young people.

Vaccination is the best way to protect you, your family, and your friends from getting sick, and reduce the risk of outbreaks and school closures.

I encourage everyone aged 12 years and over in your household to get vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as possible.

COVID-19 vaccines in Australia are safe and many millions of Australians are already protected.

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) has recommended both the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for people aged 12 years and over in Australia.

Consent from a parent/caregiver for COVID-19 vaccination is required for anyone under the age of 16.

To find a location to get vaccinated and book, visit covidvaccine.sa.gov.au

SA Health has lots of information to help answer questions, including videos, fact sheets and a range of other resources. For more information, visit covidvaccine.sa.gov.au

Thank you for keeping South Australia COVID safe. Please join me in being a fully vaccinated family.

Yours sincerely

PROFESSOR NICOLA SPURRIER
Chief Public Health Officer
Health Regulation and Protection

Bushfire Ready



WATTLE RANGE

A free bushfire information meeting for everyone.

Learn about:

- bushfire behaviour and warnings
- property preparation
- where to go and when
- your Bushfire Survival Plan
- Farm Fire Units

A Wattle Range Council representative will be available for questions about clean up notices

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HATHERLEIGH

12:30pm Sun 24 October 2021
Hatherleigh Sport and Recreation
Centre



KALANGADOO

4:30pm Sunday 24 October 2021
Kalangadoo Institute Hall



PENOLA

6:00pm Tues 26 October 2021
Rymill Hall

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