

# MILLICENT HIGH SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### COVID-19

School life has been a bit different due to COVID-19, we've had to adapt to social distancing, hand washing (hand sanitisers), QR codes, face masks and lockdowns. With everything that has been thrown at staff, students and the parent community, I think their resilience and ability to shine through and take all challenges in their stride was amazing. I think we will all enjoy a break over the Christmas period, to hopefully spend quality time with family, and in some cases, reunite with family after a long time apart.

### Sport

We have had another big term for sporting competitions. With PE Week, 9 a-side-football, and basketball finals. We are extremely proud of all achievements MHS has had in these events. Thank you to all staff and students that make the competitions such a huge enjoyment and success.

### Camps

Although COVID-19 has caused some changes to original plans, our students have still been lucky enough to have opportunities to engage in a variety of different camps. Our Year 8's set off on their yearly camp, Year 9 and 10 students recently went to Adelaide, and our Outdoor Education students were involved in camps at Robe and Renmark.

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUED...

## Learning Opportunities

Learning opportunities are forever growing and changing. Our Conservation and Land Management program was again a success, with students achieving many hands on outcomes. The PACES students have developed challenging learning goals that have seen them grow in their confidence and knowledge, which has been incredible. Our Year 8's have embarked on a new and exciting journey of collaboration in their areas of the Arts, Technologies and HPE. This will be a continued learning direction in 2022.

## Farewells

As we do most years, it is once again time to farewell a number of our staff here at Millicent High School: John Shelton is retiring at the beginning of next year, a wonderful Principal and staff member, he will be missed here at MHS, but we look forward to welcoming Todd Watson into his new role as Principal in 2022. Steve Tredrea and Darryl Lambden, two more staff members who have worked here at MHS for many years, we wish them all the best for their retirement.

Stephanie Gilbert our Maths/Science Coordinator is beginning a new adventure, teaching in Vanuatu next year. Johanna Kemplay-Hill will be taking on her role as Numeracy, Mathematics and Sciences Coordinator in 2022.

Cate Sullivan is taking a year's leave from us here at MHS and will begin teaching at Beachport Primary School in 2022.

I would lastly like to congratulate Teneille Barry for winning and continuing her role as Sports and Small Curriculum Coordinator and Kazic Neilson for winning the position of Senior School, Senior Leader and VET Coordinator.

We look forward to continuing on in our positive ways in 2022, enjoy the holidays, congratulations to our graduating class of 2022. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

Regards

**GRAHAM BELL**

ACTING PRINCIPAL

## Important Dates for Term 1

**January 31st - First day of term**

**February 10th - School Photos**

**February 11th - Swimming Carnival**

**February 17th - Interschool Swimming**

**March 10th - Hurdles + Long Distance Events**

**March 11th - Sports Day**

# FAREWELL

Congratulations and good luck to our Year 12 students- we wish you all the best for your future endeavors.



# STATEWIDE BASKETBALL FINALS

The girls had a strong start beating Gleeson College 43 - 8, followed by another solid win against Woodville 35 - 5 but sadly they lost a player, Ella, due to injury. With a girl down we went into our toughest game against Whyalla, fighting hard and resulting in 14 - 14 draw. Based off percentage we finished 1st in our group moving us into the Semi Final against Kadina. After a slow start, the girls found rhythm beating Kadina 16 - 4. This moved us into the Grand Final facing Whyalla again. Knowing it was going to be a tough game the girls went out switched on and after a well fought game were victorious beating Whyalla 17 - 9.

Thanks to Liv for her motivational speeches inspiring the girls to victory. Well done Girls! This means MHS is the Pool B Year 10 Statewide Champions.





# SHOW DISPLAY 2021



# Remembrance Day

ON THE 11TH OF NOVEMBER OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS, SRC REPRESENTATIVES AND MS IKEDA'S YEAR 8'S, LAID A WREATH AT THE CROSS OF SACRIFICE. LEST WE FORGET.



# Sammy D Foundation

Our Year 10 students were visited by the Sammy D Foundation, a foundation made in the honour of 17 year old Sam Davis. Sam was a victim to a one punch attack on the 4th of May, 2008, where his life was tragically cut short. Sam's story has been shared by his parents for 13 years, educating over 140,000 young people about the consequences of violent behavior.

Neil shared his story about losing his son in a one punch incident at a party, before students participated in a drug and alcohol workshop. They learnt about staying safe around drugs and alcohol and were challenged whilst wearing 'beer goggles'.



# PE WEEK

In week 5 students competed in lawn bowls, ultimate frisbee and volleyball.





# YEAR 10 CAMP

Our Year 10 students set off for camp to Adelaide from the 22nd November until the 24th of November.

Students had the opportunity to participate in a range of activities at the Woodhouse Adventure and Activity Centre in the Adelaide Hills.

The theme of the camp was around personal growth and challenge, with the focus on Career Investigation, extending one's comfort zone, leadership and teamwork.

Students also had the opportunity to visit the TAFE Tonsley complex and AFL Max.



# Year 9 Camp- Woodhouse

As part of our Year 9 program, on Monday the 6th of December through to Wednesday the 8th of December, our Year 9 students participated in a camp to Woodhouse Adventure and Activity Centre in the Adelaide Hills.

This camp had a variety of activities planned in the city also, but with COVID-19 interruptions, the camp was limited to all being held at the Woodhouse.

Students thoroughly enjoyed this camp, it helped with their personal growth, leadership and teamwork skills.



# Outdoor Education

Our Year 10 Outdoor Education students went on a 3 day Kayak expedition camp in the creeks and lagoons of the River Murray near Renmark. Students were required to be self-sufficient, packing, navigating, cooking and tenting under the guidance of their instructor and teachers.

Students had a mobile phone detox and learnt minimal impact strategies in replacement of their being no amenities available.



# 9 A-side Football



Two teams of 8/9 girls participated in the 9 a side football competition in Penola.



# Imagine Millicent

Students have been busy decorating the planter boxes on the corners of Davenport, Glen and Stuckey Street. The boxes were painted with Indigenous designs under the guidance of local Indigenous people. The official smoking ceremony was held on Saturday the 20th of November during the celebrations in Millicent for the 150th Anniversary festivities.



# FOOD AND HOSPITALITY

In week 6, Stage 1 Food and Hospitality students hosted a 2 course lunch for some of their subject teachers through the production of a "pop up" style restaurant. Students worked collaboratively to design and plan their restaurant, develop their menu and run the restaurant on the day.

The overall outcome was a success, with outstanding feedback received. Well done Year 11's!





# Conservation & Land Management

CLM Students have had a very busy second semester and have done a great job working together to revegetate Forestry SA Biodiversity Corridor- Whennan Corridor. This Corridor links Whennan Native Forest Reserve to Mt McIntyre NFR as an Ecological Corridor amongst the Pine Plantations. It links native vegetation for Fauna to travel from one Native Forest to another. All plants were grown at our school nursery and to protect the plants from kangaroos they were all guarded.

We were fortunate to have funding from the Limestone Coast Grass roots Grant which enabled our students to experience going out on Country with an Elder and engage with Aboriginal Culture, Connection to Country and Caring for Country, recording Flora and Fauna and learning about the Seasonal Calendar of all sites prior to revegetating. Through these projects students completed units in 'Natural Area Restoration Works' and 'Plant Trees and Shrubs.'

Students also volunteered at the Valley Lakes Conservation Area and surrounds completing 'Treat Weeds' by controlling environmental weeds using the cut and swab technique, and also prepared the ground for planting by mulching a site next to a waterhole. We also engaged in a fauna survey using Elliot traps and observations at the Conservation Area. Thank you to Raz for organising this project.

Recently the Forestry Ranger introduced us to Mt Lyon Corridor and we conducted a Fauna survey and set up a camera trap. We were able to see who was visiting the corridor through saved images from the camera. It was interesting to see what fauna was using the corridor after dark and record our findings. Observation surveys of sightings, scats, tracks and other signs were conducted at Mt Lyon and Lake Edward. Students really enjoyed the 'Recognise Fauna' unit and we were also able to collect seed for the Mt Lyon Project and Nursery for 2022.

These projects provided a wide range of learning and practical experiences which has given each student new skills, confidence and appreciation for the local environment while completing units of competency in Cert 2 Conservation and Land Management.







# Presentation Night

Millicent High School celebrated our End Of Year Awards Evening on Monday. Congratulations to those students whose commitment and hard work throughout the year was recognised.

Local businesses and service clubs have been generous in their sponsorship of our presentation evening and we acknowledge and thank the following sponsors:

- Kimberley-Clark Australia
- Sharp Cranes
- BankSA
- Banner Mitre 10, Millicent
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- Ryan Bawden
- TDH Partners
- Australian Defence Force
- Ampol
- DeGaris Family
- Dept of Education
- Lions Club Wattle Range Lioness
- Mayor Noll, Wattle Range Council
- Millicent Rotary
- Nick McBride, MP
- Tony Pasin, MP
- Uni SA





## Materials & Services Charge – 2022

Following a successful polling result, the legally recoverable amount for Materials & Services charge at Millicent High School in 2022 has been set at \$410. We look forward to the return of students next year with all classes resuming on Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2022.

Payments for Materials & Services fees can be made in the following ways:

- 1. Bank EFT-Millicent High School**  
BSB: 105 053  
Account: 214 002 440  
Reference: Use your family code
- 2. EFTPOS at the School Front Office**

School Card applications can be completed:

1. Online at [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au). (enter School Card in the sa.gov.au search engine).
2. Manually at the School Front Office ask for Pete. Please bring your Centrelink CRN details.

Kind Regards

**Pete Duncan**  
Business Manager - Millicent High School



# PARENT CALENDAR

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
W1	Jan 31	Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3	Feb 4	Feb 5	Feb 6
W2	Feb 7	Feb 8	Feb 9	Feb 10 School Photos	Feb 11 Swimming Carnival	Feb 12	Feb 13
W3	Feb 14	Feb 15	Feb 16	Feb 17 Interschool Swimming Carnival	Feb 18	Feb 19	Feb 20
W4	Feb 21	Feb 22	Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27
W5	Feb 28	Mar 1	Mar 2	Mar 3	Mar 4	Mar 5	Mar 6
W6	Mar 7	Mar 8	Mar 9	Mar 10 Hurdles + Long Distance events (Sports Day)	Mar 11 Sports Day	Mar 12	Mar 13
W7	Mar 14	Mar 15	Mar 16	Mar 17	Mar 18	Mar 19	Mar 20
W8	Mar 21	Mar 22	Mar 23 Interschool Athletics - MGHS	Mar 24	Mar 25	Mar 26	Mar 27
W9	Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 1	Apr 2	Apr 3
W10	Apr 4	Apr 5	Apr 6	Apr 7 Adelaide Athletics	Apr 8 Adelaide Athletics	Apr 9	Apr 10
W11	Apr 11	Apr 12	Apr 13	Apr 14	Apr 15	Apr 16	Apr 17