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From the Principal

Welcome to the events of Term 1



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends of our College,

Mid North Christian College has been a hive of activity throughout the term. We have been blessed with wonderful parent involvement, new programs beginning including Mid North Minis and the Rite Journey, opportunities for community building and facility development. We are keenly looking forward to our new Covered Outdoor Learning Area which will be ready to use by mid Term 2.

Although new projects, programs and buildings are exciting and rewarding, it is wise to stop and reflect on the important things in life. The Easter break provides students, staff and parents with an opportunity to have a break and to spend quality time with their families and friends. Amongst this, I pray that we remember the significance of Easter and the hope that the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ gives in enabling us to have everlasting life by the removal of our sins.

John 11:25-26. 'Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die".'

If families are making the most of the break and heading out of town, please travel safely. We look forward to seeing you all back for the last week of Term 1.

Yours in His service

Crystal Rich
Principal

College Operations

2021 has seen significant activity around the College and as Term 1 nears the end, the front of the College has changed considerably. The patience of the College community during roadworks has been rewarded with a new carpark and landscaping to enhance the new Administration Centre.

Gone is the gravel carpark and small 'Kiss and Drop' area, and now we have a large bitumen carpark with angled parking, and Junior and Senior 'Kiss and Drop' zones. A focus was given to student safety with considerable time given to trying to reduce the amount of times that a student needs to cross traffic.

The landscaping includes avenue trees, lawns and attractive plants to give a green welcoming entrance to the College. The students have enjoyed sitting on the lawns while waiting to be picked up and we are trying to reduce the number of hard surfaces in the front which can radiate heat in warm weather.

There are multiple projects being organized over the year, with the large Covered Outdoor Learning Area being constructed over the basketball courts next term. We are planning other major projects as well which will enhance the College facilities, an exciting time to be part of the College.

This year saw another significant investment in technology with many new laptops bought for Junior school, Year 5's, 7's and 10's and upgraded computers supplied for Year 6's and 9's. Combined with our new high speed internet, our computer network is performing exceptionally well, which enhances the students' learning.

We have been able to retire our old lockers with the addition of new large metal lockers and some donated units. This has also allowed us to place the lockers in better locations around the College. New seats and tables have been made to improve the social interactions of students and two table tennis tables have been built for a bit of Recess fun.

Our focus has been improved student safety, improved student activities and improved student engagement and we are progressing towards these goals in 2021.

Roger Moreton
Operations Manager















Aviation Studies Flies Into It's Sixteenth Year

We've come a long way since having to tow the Aero 45 from the airport to MNCC and work on it outside near the oval. The Hangar was built in 2007/2008 with funding received from the Sir Ross and Sir Keith Smith Fund and is now where the program runs. You can see where the Tech shed was built onto the Hangar wall.

In Week 4, the second year students had the opportunity to visit the South Australian Aviation Museum. Students were able to experience the hangars with a variety of aircraft including the PC Orion, F1-11 and see the sister aircraft to our Aero 45, fully restored to display condition. They had an exclusive workshop tour and demonstration in the restoration area. Thanks to Chris Doudy and the volunteers at SAAM for organising this event.

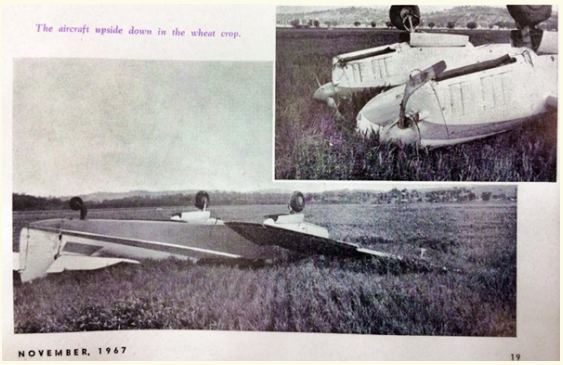
Another component of the second year course students enjoy is learning to fly the Mavic Pro drones and experiencing their capabilities and limitations.

In Week 5, the College welcomed 21 enthusiastic first year students from across SA to the course. The flying was conducted over 3 days with a 'tag team' approach by John and Richard, our flight instructors. The students were in their element in the workshop and theory classes. They are already looking forward to returning next term.

Thank you to everyone involved, the Aviation Team, MNCC teams and our host families for making it possible for students to participate in this course.

Coralie Crosby
Aviation Administrator





















Mid North Minis

Mid North Christian College has recently restarted its preschool playgroup program, with a new name and day!

The Mid North Minis have been meeting together each Thursday morning to spend time learning through play and engaging in fun activities at the College.

During Mid North Minis, children have enjoyed many different activities including water play, painting, and every parent's favourite – Sensory Play! The children especially enjoy the shaving foam!

Moving forward, the program will continue to develop to include different themes, early literacy and numeracy activities all underpinned by the College's Christian Values.

Our key goals for running the program are to provide an inclusive and welcoming environment not only where children can learn, but where parents can connect and build relationships with each other. So, we make sure that Coffee and Tea are provided for the parents too!

Children of all ages are invited to join us, and we have been able to welcome children from 6 months old through to 5 years old. Our first week back saw 15 children attend, and we hope this continues to grow.
If you would like to join us, please do! We meet every Thursday morning from 8:30am until 10:00am.

Children and families from outside of the College Community are also welcome. If you would like more information, or would like to volunteer to help during this time, please feel free to contact me via e-mail at **amber.howard@midnorthcc.sa.edu.au.**

Amber Howard
Head of Primary

















Year 6 Excursion

The Year 6 class spent the day at the Melrose Museum where we learnt more about what life was like in Australia before Federation.

Some of the highlights included seeing the old farm equipment, the Magistrate's Office and of course the gaol cells!

The class completed a scavenger hunt around the Museum and were able to read stories about the early settlers in the Mount Remarkable area.

The class has also been learning about the life of Ned Kelly and debating whether he should be remembered as a hero who fought against corrupt authorities or as a lawless villain.

The class used the old courthouse to conduct a mock trial for Ned Kelly which they have been practicing in class. Ned Kelly was played by Jessica Moncrieff, Bradley Andersen acted as Judge and Raiden Nichols was the Jury spokesperson. We had some interesting arguments and great drama skills.

The class debated and the Jury sentenced Ned to death! Lots of fun was had by all and we are looking forward to learning more about Federation over the next couple of weeks.

Jenn Hogg
Year 6 Teacher



















Harmony Day

Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone, to communicate the importance of cultural diversity by encouraging values, promoting participation and providing fun ways to learn.

This year the College students gethered with their buddies during Community Lesson, and every group did something different.

The Year 12s and the Foundations painted their families on massive banners.

The Year 11s helped the Year 6s learn how to play "Keeper of the Fire". Which is a Native American game where the aim is to remove the sticks from the fire keeper without getting caught. The fire keeper is blindfolded and is only reliant on their other senses.

The Year 10s and 5s traced around their hands and built their own unique Henna pattern. In response to learning why people from a range of cultures decorate their bodies.

The Year 9s and 4s discussed different styles of headwear, then made their own paper plate Mexican Sombrero.

The Year 8s and the 2/3s listened to music about different cultures, and then created a picture of what they thought the meaning of the song was.

Lastly the Year 7s and Year 1s learnt a new song in a different language with help from Mrs Clarke and Mrs Shipley.

Altogether Harmony day was celebrated in many different exciting ways by the College, which resulted in a wonderful day of cultural diversity.

Shanala Mesecke
Year 12 Student

















Year 8 Camp

On March 10 – 12, the Year 8s went on a camp to Melrose with teachers Scott Nestor and Megan Footer.

At the camp's commencement, the camp administrator, Jerrell Alexander, had the students perform low ropes activities.

One of these was Frodo's Rings, which was a branchless tree that the students had to throw a hoop on. The other was an activity where the students had to make paths with logs to help them get everyone to the centre point. The class had to work as one big team.

We quickly discovered that there was a clear dynamic of the cohort: several people were very assertive as leaders; other students were content to let these classmates take control of the activities. Over the next few days, the activities helped the class become more cohesive.

The next day the class participated in a challenging hike. During this, the students showed great maturity with the way that they encouraged and looked out for one another.

We had seven students who made it all the way to the top of the summit of Mount Remarkable.

When we came back from the hike, we completed the Egg Drop exercise. Here, groups worked together to create a protective covering for an egg that would withstand the egg being dropped from a large height. Jerrell Alexander was forced to drop the egg from the roof of his shed before all the class's eggs were broken!

The Year 8s grew in their teamwork skills throughout the camp, and it was great to see different students talking to people that they do not usually talk with.

My hope is that their relationships will strengthen with one another as the year progresses.

"Complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind." Philippians 2:2

Scott Nestor
Year 8 Core Teacher



















Book Fair

In Week 8 we hosted our annual Book Fair. Students excitedly browsed the cases and tables to select books and write their wish lists.

At recess and lunch the fair was a hive of activity as students bought their books and posters.

It was wonderful to see parents assisting their children to buy books and the after school time slot was very hectic.

Thank you to all students and parents who supported our very successful fair and for fostering the love of reading. We were able to get many new books for the Library. We hope you enjoy reading your books.

Charmaine Burton
Teacher Librarian

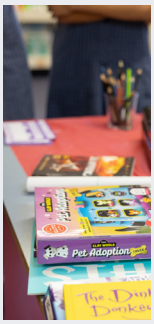
















SAPSASA

On Friday 12 March, the Year 6/7 students took part in the Winter Carnival. This is an annual event against other schools in Port Pirie.

The boys leapt, dodged, worked together and used their skills in football at Port Pirie West Oval.

The girls defended well, used slick passes and included others in the netball at the Port Pirie Netball Courts. It was great to see the girls in Year 6 practicing at recess and lunch times in the lead up to the day.

Overall the students represented the College well and it was a very successful day.

A big thanks also goes out to Miss Hogg, Miss Reynolds, Mrs Tattoli and Jorja Rossiter for your efforts on the day.

Mr Veitch
Sports Head of Learning Area





SA Regional Youth Forum

Year 10's and Year 11's attended the SA Regional Youth Forum held at The Keith Michell Theatre with John Pirie Secondary and St Mark's students.

We worked at our tables brainstorming the problems we thought youth were facing and came up with potential solutions to address the problems.

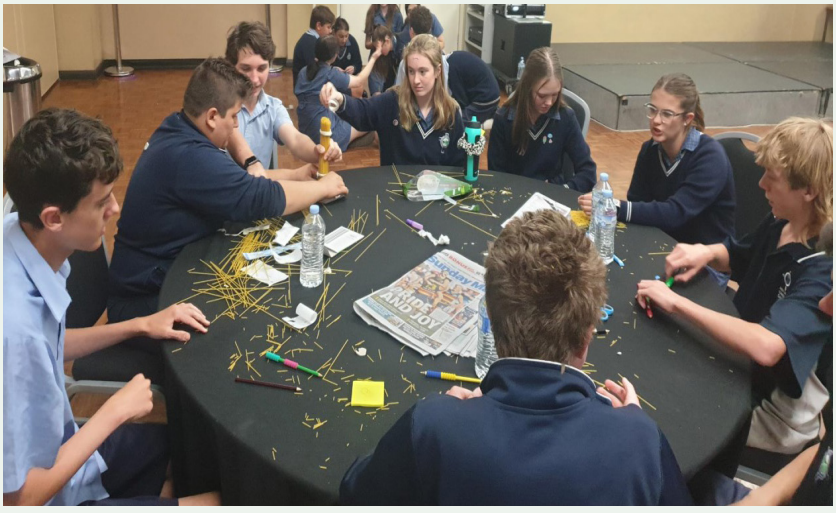
We had a competition to built the highest Smelter Stack out of spaghetti. Unfortunately we didn't win.

We wrote a letter to Parliament with ideas that would help the youth in our region. We put a post on Instragram #Raise Your Voice.

Overall it was a good experience to mingle with students from other schools and to hear their concerns or ideas. It's good to know the leaders care and want to hear our voice.

Contributed by
Lauren and Sefora,
Year 11 Students

scribed by Mrs Crosby





Surf Camp

After a few weeks of camp preparation, the Year 11-12 Outdoor Education class had an early morning to gather at the College gates and set off on their surfing journey to Corny Point.

Along side were teachers John Pop and Alana Freer who helped organise and take care of the class throughout the camp.

Four hours later we had finally reached our destination, chucked on our wetsuits and met at the beach for an incredible first day of surfing.

Thankfully our mentors Squizzy and Janel were there to talk about safety, educate us on the surf and ensure we got the best experience.

A couple of stacks and flying boards later we managed to return safely to the camp site and got ready to enjoy a filling dinner at the Howling Dog Tavern. All of us were starving!

A good night's sleep was essential to our performance the next day with six hours on the water. This time all of us were tired!

After a great dinner made by the Year 12s, it was time to shower and get into bed ready for the last day out on the water. Sadly, morning came, and it was time to pack up our swags and tents, load the bus and put on the wetsuits.

Three hours flew past and it was time to say goodbye and thank you to Squizzy, Janel and Corny Point Surf for teaching us new skills, developing teamwork and giving us a great experience.

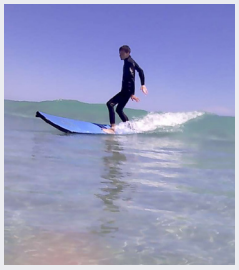
Olivia Henry
Year 12 Student















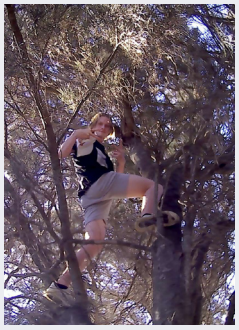














Buddy Time

Here's an update on what our Buddy's have been up to this term.



























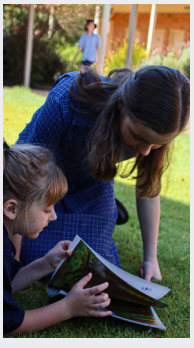
















Key Dates

Friday 2 April
Good Friday

Monday 5 April
Easter Monday

Thursday 8- Friday 9 April
Year 5 Zoo Camp

Friday 9 April
Last Day of Term 1
2:05PM Dismissal

Monday 12 - Friday 23 April
School Holidays

Monday 26 April
Public Holiday

Tuesday 27 April
Term 2 Commences

Thursday 6 May
Year 10 Immunisations

Tuesday 11 - Friday 14 May
NAPLAN

Wednesday 12 May
Foundation Excursion to Bowman's Park

Friday 28 May
Grandparents Day

Hope in the Living God





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