

### Memory Verse

***"Lay your hands on the animal's head, and the Lord will accept its death in your place to purify you, making you right with him."***  
**Leviticus 1:4**

### From the Principal

#### Dear families,

This week we have been privileged to spend 3 days with Kevin Knight – a consultant from New Zealand Graduate School of Education.

Kevin specialises in helping schools support teacher improvement and helping teachers adjust their practice to go from good to great, or from great to even greater.

I first met Kevin at a conference in Sydney last year, and was so impressed by his approach that I began making plans to bring him across from New Zealand.

So, the improvement he talks about is improving teacher classroom management strategies, giving affirming feedback, and lifting the 'on task' rate of activity. He has given us some excellent tools to assess where we are, and strategies to bring positive improvement.

These approaches will also bring improvements in behaviour management.

Kevin's involvement with us is part of the bigger improvement strategy I told you about early last year:

1. *Enrich and strengthen team* – The new leadership structure is working very well, and this year teachers have begun working more collaboratively to bring professional growth.
2. *Consult and Respond* – We have used consultant surveys at the end of last year to gather feedback, and bring improvement. We are improving our response quality to families, and seeking to be more available and responsive when matters are raised.
3. *Lift family and community connections* – We have upgraded our website, and are using Facebook to communicate more directly. We are introducing an SMS communication system. We have shifted to weekly newsletter reporting. We are planning more opportunities for families to be welcomed and involved in the community.

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March	DIARY DATES
<b>Week 6</b>	
<b>Fri 10</b>	Yr6/7 SAPSASA
<b>Week 7</b>	
<b>Mon 13</b>	<b>Public Holiday (No School)</b>
<b>Weds 15</b>	Yr 6/7 Camp Woodhouse
<b>Fri 17</b>	SAPSASA Swimming
<b>Week 8</b>	
<b>Tue 21</b>	Harmony Day
<b>Tue 21</b>	U12/14 1500m
<b>Wed 22</b>	U16 1500m
<b>Thur 23</b>	Combined Choir
<b>Week 9</b>	
<b>Mon 27</b>	High Jump all ages
<b>Mon 27</b>	Triple Jump U12/14

### Chapel TERM 1

#### Week 6 - Friday 10th March

##### Junior

Host: Yr 2 Mrs Collins  
Room: 9/10 at 9.05

##### Senior

Host: Mrs Harrison 9a  
Room: 9/10 at 10.25

#### Week 7 - Friday 17th March

##### Junior

Host: Yr 4 Mrs Dieckelmann  
Room: 9/10 at 9.05am

##### Senior

Host: Yr 8 Mrs Hempenstall  
Room: 9/10 at 10.25am

**Apology:** We sincerely apologize for any confusion with Classes allocated to Chapel in recent weeks.

More Photos inside



## Hope in the Living God

4. *Align learning approaches across the College* – We are using technology, and adopting current best practice approaches to enhance the quality of teaching and learning.
5. *Identify and minimise risk, including bullying* – We have adopted stronger whole school reporting, are working more closely with families, and are implementing tighter consequences including clearer guidelines for withdrawal, suspension and expulsion.
6. *Develop new strategic plans with the Board* – The Board are strongly engaged with strategic planning, and in mapping out future directions using high quality consultants.
7. *Lift the quality and use of computer technology* – We have introduced SEQTA, a highly rated software suite for attendance, assessment, reporting and communicating with families. Later this year we plan to open up the web portal to allow families access to real time data. We have begun our laptop program.

Change takes time, and there will inevitably be wrinkles that need ironing out along the way. We know that sometimes when you see things that don't seem right you can be tempted to adopt a 'let's wait and see' approach.

However, we are keenly interested in getting your feedback promptly, and using that knowledge to make adjustments that bring change now.

Your prompt feedback helps us make good changes that will benefit everybody.

Your Servant  
Matt Paterson

### PRAYER FOR MID NORTH CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Prayer is held each Monday at 9am in the Library. All Parents and Caregivers are welcome. For more information contact Mel Jaeger on 0478 616 475.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast runs from 8.00am to 8.35am in the Home Economics area. Warm toast is available and a variety of cereals as well as hot milo. Week 11 will be Pancakes.

### Students Riding Scooters/Skateboards to School

Please make sure that you:

- Ride on footpaths only (not on the road).
- Always wear a stackhat.
- Keep alert for other traffic (pedestrians and vehicles).



### Piano/Keyboard Lessons Available at MNCC

For more information  
please contact:

Mrs Anne Hansen  
(Bachelor of Music)  
on 0429 866 242  
or 8636 2231



### CARNIVAL BOOK FAIR *escape to everywhere*

The annual book fair is being held this week in the MNCC library. It's a great opportunity to encourage students to not only embrace reading, but each book purchased helps the library to get more books for MNCC. Finishes at 1.30pm tomorrow Friday 10th March.

### STUDENT SURVEY

Our student Leaders in Yr 12 have prepared a survey designed for Years 4 -12. The survey is available on the College website under the 'More -> Students' menu. All responses will be kept confidential with the Student Leaders, and used to give feedback to Mr Paterson and Mr Moreton.



### Great Weather for Swimming!

Primary classes enjoyed Swimming  
Lessons this week at the Pool.  
Pictured are some of our  
Foundation students.



# Hope in the Living God



**Year 10-12 Snorkelling Camp**  
**Port Vincent Seaside Caravan Park**



**Crystal Brook Brick Show**  
**'all things LEGO®'**  
**25th & 26th March**  
**Institute Hall**

## Melrose Easter Camp

This year Easter Camp is on once again from the 14th-17th of April for Year 8-12. Don't miss out on what's going to be a great camp! \$170 standard and late fee \$185. For more information contact: Nathanael Nieass [0451106949](tel:0451106949) or Natarnia Nieass [0406722990](tel:0406722990) or see Mrs Lines at school. To register go to [www.wired-youth.com/melrose-easter-camp](http://www.wired-youth.com/melrose-easter-camp)

CONTACT NATHANAEL NIEASS FOR MORE DETAILS 0451 106 949  
OR NATARNIA (NAT) NIEASS 0406 722 990  
TO REGISTER VISIT: [WWW.WIRED-YOUTH.COM](http://WWW.WIRED-YOUTH.COM) MELROSE EASTER CAMP

"SO IF THE SON SETS you free, you WILL BE FREE INDEED." JOHN 8:36

STANDARD COST - \$170  
EARLY BIRD COST - \$150 BY 12TH FEB

CAMP MELROSE

YEARS 8-12

14TH - 17TH - APRIL  
**MELROSE EASTER CAMP**  
2017

## ENCOUNTER MUSICAL/HOPE PRIMARY PERFORMANCE DVDs

There are some additional copies of the Musical DVDs available for purchase for \$20. Please enquire in the Front Office here at the College. Payment on pick-up please.



Congratulations to Year 8 student Piper George who was a joint December winner in the Sportsperson of the Year awards. Piper is a member of the Port Pirie Amateur Swimming Club. She won 2 gold medals at the State Country SAPSASA Championships and qualified for the South Australian Championship. Piper is pictured holding the SAPSASA JB Shackell Cup Perpetual Trophy for Girls Under 16 for 200m freestyle. This is the third year that Piper has won this cup. Well done Piper.

## Record Breaker



**Update on**  
**Lachlan Tucker-Powditch at**  
**"Speed Week" held at Lake Gairdner SA.**

The week went very well for Lachlan. His motorbike is a 2005 Cagiva 125cc Mito. It is a production class, so that means that the bike is as you would buy it from the factory/dealer, (however you *are* allowed to tune them).



Last year Lachlan also rode this same bike and managed to set the record from 74.940mph to 96.504mph (155.371kph). This year, on his first run of the week, Lachlan smashed the record taking it to 103.496mph (166.628kph), he continued this with each run taking the record higher and higher until his last run of the week where he set an impressive 107.443mp (172.983kms/hr). For a production 125cc bike this is quite an achievement!

At the end of the week Lachlan had approval to have a ride on his Papa's bike, a Suzuki GSXR 600. The Race director "Animal" kept a watchful eye on Lachlan. Riding with his dad behind the pit area with speeds up to 100km/h, Lachlan proved he is competent and has the ability to ride this bike at the 2018 Speed week.



Lachlan's family hold the production records for 125cc, 750cc, 1000cc, 1350cc motorcycle classes and 1 - 1.51litre production car class. Lachlan now holds 2 Australian Land speed records and his family couldn't be more proud!





KCO is a Uniting Church overnight camp for kids 7 – 12 year olds.

It's happening on the 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> March this year at Adare camping at the Caravan Park, Victor Harbor.

Forms are available from the front office and need to be in by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

For more details contact Belinda Dick, Mob: 0417 823 281.



## TUTOR FOR TOMORROW IS STARTING 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

This is a free tutoring service for all Primary Aged Children.

Limited Spaces – Only a few spots left.

Available Monday & Tuesday at the Port Pirie Community Centre, 28 Symonds Street.

Please call 8633 3391 or email [kaidi.james@ucwvsa.org.au](mailto:kaidi.james@ucwvsa.org.au) to make an appointment (subject to availability).

**Disclaimer:** The College is not responsible for Community events advertised in this Newsletter.

## Community Notices

### Move Youth

Beach Party at Solomontown Beach, 7pm until 9.30pm for Years 7 to 12. Volleyball, jetty jumping, and more water fun! Make sure you wear your bathers (modesty goes a long way!), bring a towel and a permission slip available from your school front office. Contact: Hollie 0418 632 060 or Nathanael 0451 106 949 for more information.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT HOLLIE: 0418632060 OR NATHANAEL 0451106949



## Solomontown Netball Club "NetSetGo"

We welcome all new little players who are interested in learning the basic skills of netball.

Our club is really excited about our first year as a NET SET GO provider for 5,6 or 7 year olds (can be turning 5 in this calendar year).

The sessions will take place at the Netball courts on Grey Terrace on **Saturday mornings 9.30 until approx. 10.30 beginning Saturday the 6th May 2017.**

To register your daughter for this program please complete the online registration by following this link:

<https://44307.sportzvault.com/common/pages/noauth/olregstart.aspx?type=6&sslredirect=1&entityid=44307&fl=1&id=32144>

Sports vouchers are available for use. If you have any questions, please contact Janelle on 0417 325 226.



## Solomontown Football Club Junior Registration Day 2017

U9's, U11's, U13's and U15's

**Tuesday 21st March 4.00pm - 6.00pm at Globe Oval**

FREE Registration. FREE Sausage Sizzle and a drink for the kids.

Football activities on the oval with Senior Players. Competitions and prizes each age group. All new and returning players are welcome. Contact Jarrad Davies 0423 025 382



Lighthouse Church  
Port Pirie Uniting  
390 The Terrace,  
Port Pirie  
Presents:

**The Lobethal Harmony Choir  
Sunday 26th March 2017**

**Commencing at 2.00pm**

An afternoon of Musical Entertainment  
followed by Devonshire Tea

Tickets \$10.00 each includes afternoon tea.

Tickets available from Church Office or  
Janet Mitchell 0410 409 591



## PORT PIRIE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The monthly Community events page will now be available at the Front Desk at MNCC. If anyone requires a copy you are welcome to come in and collect one. We will not be including this in our newsletter due to space limitations.