



Mark Oliphant College B-12

"The future is now..."

MOC

NEWSLETTER

TERM 1, WEEK 11 2016



"If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people."
Chinese proverb

UPCOMING DATES FOR TERM 2:

Monday 2nd May Term 2 starts
Week 1: 2nd - 6th May Year 10 Work Experience
Week 2: 9th - 13th May EY Swimming

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Careproviders,

It has been an exciting term 1 at Mark Oliphant College, with staff and students involved in a wide range of activities and programs. Thank you to our caring and professional staff who have worked very hard throughout term 1 to ensure that students have been challenged and encouraged to do their best.

It has been great to see students and children across the College, demonstrating their understanding of the College values and having such a positive mindset. Much of this comes from the excellent work of our staff and the Positive Education focus encouraged and valued across the school. Our students have further demonstrated their learning and development through the high standard of work and thinking undertaken within their classrooms and through Exhibition of Learning presentations. I have seen many examples of this as I move around the College and feel we are definitely heading in the right direction.

Communication is an important factor we are always working on at Mark Oliphant College. During term 2 we will be introducing a text messaging system to all parents/careproviders which will keep you informed and up to date with issues and information related to the College.

2016 Governing Council

During term 1 the AGM of the College was held. Thank you to the following parents and staff who have joined the Governing Council and I look forward to working with you to ensure the future development of the College.

Lee Russell (Governing Council Chairperson for 2016)
Paul Gray Lisa Thompson Fiona Coulter
Mandy Sager Sue Bennett Tania Berman
Jade Tait Kayla Cluse Tabitha Dossett
Chan Welfare Sarah Robertson Frank Mittiga

Staff Goodbyes and Thank you

We would like to say thank you to the following staff who are leaving Mark Oliphant College at the end of term 1...

- **Mr Adam Bennett**, who has been working in the Middle Years and will be going on leave for terms 2-4. All the best.
- **Ms Melissa Marrone**, from the Early Years will be leaving us on parenting leave at the end of this term. We wish Melissa all the best and hope all goes well with the birth of her child. Melissa will be back in 2017.
- Congratulations to **Ms Kathleen Hoare**, who has been successful in winning a Secondary Principal position for the next 5 years at Gladstone High School (located just outside of Port Pirie). Kathleen will be leaving MOC at the end of term 1 to take up her new role for the beginning of term 2.

Many of you have known Kathleen who has been at MOC for the past six years and has held the Executive Leader Role, responsible for the Year 7-12 students and for term 1 2016, the Deputy Principal role of the College. We would like to thank Kathleen for her tremendous work and leadership in making the College the success it is today, especially in helping shape the directions related to Information Technology and Secondary Teaching Programs.

All the best for the future Kathleen!

I would like to finish this newsletter with a very serious message about the importance of safety and learning at Mark Oliphant College. Within the College and an expectation of our DECD public education system is that all students have the right to a safe, orderly and caring learning environment. Teachers and School Service Officers also have the right to be able to teach and instruct students in an environment which is safe and orderly. This means that students come to school to improve their learning and that it is our responsibility that the school environment addresses bullying, inappropriate behaviour and that the instructions and directions of staff are followed.

Students who attend Mark Oliphant College do so understanding that the College rules and expectations will be followed. The wearing of the school uniform for all students has been an expectation since the College started. During term 2 2016, our College will be addressing the importance of the wearing of the school uniform and appropriate behaviour with all students. I encourage you to discuss this with your children and work with us to ensure that the values and expectations of the College are followed.

Have a safe holiday break, see you back on the Monday 2nd May for the start of term 2.



Frank Mittiga
Principal

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2016 for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held on **Tuesday May 10**, **Wednesday May 11** and **Thursday May 12**. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests.

Support can be arranged for students with disabilities, if the student regularly uses similar support for classroom assessment tasks.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the Principal. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a Student Withdrawal form.

Please contact Ella Aillmore (Primary Years) or Chan Welfare (Middle Years) to request a form.

EY & PY EXHIBITIONS OF LEARNING



SPORTS DAY YEARS 7-12

Congratulations to the 2016 Winners!

Beaumont - 2016 MOC Cup Champions

Newton - Winners of the Inaugural Spirit Cup

