Welcome to the latest edition of the GC News.

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2017 GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBERS
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STEM Grant
The school is working closely with architects to complete the design of our new STEM building. We are extremely lucky to be the only school in the state that is receiving a new building, rather than retro-fit of an existing classroom.

Together we are working towards building commencing in term 4 this year.

SCHOOL SPORT
Basketball team – Under 12 boys
The winter Basketball season is in full swing and the U12 Mawson Lakers are going strong. They have been placed in the top division and have remained undefeated. Currently, they are first on the ladder. The boys are playing extremely well as a team and have been improving each week.

We would like to welcome our new players to the team: Jayden W, Ujjawal W, Morodok H and Andrei N. We would also like to thank our wonderful coach Jeff Reyes for training the boys each week. He is amazing! It has been great watching the Mawson Lakers play each week and we commend all of the players on their positive attitudes and display of good sportsmanship. We wish them the best of luck!

Netball – Under 12 girls
Our Mawson Lakes Gems U12 netball team is now at the end of their first season up in this grade. They have continued to improve and play well, (and at times above expectations), which will see them compete in their first finals series.

They are very excited to be playing in their first team finals, but it will be a little tougher than first thought with the rather sudden departure of one of our players (family moved interstate). Wish us luck!

More teams wanted!
Do you have a passion or interest in a particular sport? We are looking to expand the number of sports that are offered at Mawson Lakes School.

The School Sports Committee are on hand to help set up your team with equipment and uniforms and you have the use of the Denison Centre as a training venue from 3.15pm to 5.00pm.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact us via email dl.0987.govcouncil@schools.sa.edu.au
There are opportunities to volunteer within the school environment, outside of being on Governing Council. Each of our sub-committees would welcome your involvement – ask us how to become involved.

Do you have time to offer an hour a week or fortnight – could you spare an hour to help with reading in the classroom?

The training requirements for parents wishing to volunteer within the school have changed - please speak to Mandy in the front office (Site east) to see if you are required to undertake the Volunteer Training Session.

Canteen

From term 3, Rory’s School Lunches will be operating the Mawson Lakes School Canteen. Details on their menus and online ordering process can be found on SkoolBag or on their website – www.rorys.com.au

The Governing Council would like to say a huge thank you to our current Canteen Manager, Sam Merritt. Sam has been at Mawson Lakes School for many years and in that time, has seen many, many changes, including our expanding student numbers. We would like to wish her well in exploring new opportunities.

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

If you are interested in using the OSHC service, please contact Cyndi Sapwell (Director) we currently have spaces available for both before and after school care.

Vacation Care sessions book out quickly. Bookings are made on a first in-first served basis. Please refer to the SkoolBag App for more information

Any queries regarding the Mawson Lakes School OSHC service can be directed to the Director, Cyndi Sapwell Oshc.mls987@schools.sa.edu.au.

Fundraising

The next big FUNdraising event will be the Disco in term 3. The recent Walk-a-thon raised over $10,000 – we are now waiting on the Kids Council to finalise their spending wish list.

With sports day also a fixture of Term 3 this year, the FUNdraising team are looking for expressions of interest for a bake sale to go ahead on the day. The bake sale will only go ahead if we have enough support of donated baked goods for the day. Please email your interest to dl.0987.govcouncil@schools.sa.edu.au and this will be forwarded to the FUNdraising team.

Did you know that all monies raised are returned back into the school and put towards items identified on a wish list prepared by the students? This means that we as a school through Governing Council have total control over what this money is used for. Governing Council as a voice for the community embrace the opportunity to make these wish list items a reality!

If you have an interest in fundraising or would like to join the committee, please contact us via email dl.0987.govcouncil@schools.sa.edu.au

Your ongoing support of our fundraising events is greatly appreciated.
GOVERNING COUNCIL

Did you know that joining Governing Council is a great way to find out more about how your child’s school operates and provide an opportunity for you to participate in the governance of the school?

Governing Council work with the principal to help set and monitor the direction of the school. We meet twice a term to talk about the direction for the school. You don’t work alone when you are on a governing council. We have shared responsibilities, but everyone’s day-to-day involvement is different.

In your role on governing council, you work with the Principal to:

- involve the local community
- develop and approve local policies
- set the broad direction and vision of the site
- monitor and review the site improvement plan
- be the employing authority of some services, including OSHC and canteen.

Site leaders work with governing councils to:

- give educational leadership
- carry out the site’s policies
- carry out the site improvement plan.

WHO TO CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

If you would like further information on Governing Council and the role it plays within the school or if you have any things you would like to discuss with a Governing Council member, you can contact us via: dl.0987.govcouncil@schools.sa.edu.au