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Dates to Remember
August 23—29 Scholastic Book Fair
Aug 29 Yr 10/11 Info Night
Aug 30 SAPSASA Athletics
Sept 1 Chicken judging day
Sept 4 Yr 10/11 Subject choices
Sept 6-7 Steers and Goats judging
Sept 7 Show closure day

WALK A MILE IN MY BOOTS
Don’t forget you can check out the Newsletter online at our website www.compassas.sa.edu.au

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Show closure day Sept 7
On Monday 21st August, Year 10 and 11 students attended a session with the SA Police that looked at car safety and its links to physics. Students had the opportunity to use a driving simulator to model the effects of mobile phone use and other distractions while driving. We also looked at how road surfaces and weather conditions impacted on reaction times and stopping distances. Though students were not exposed to graphic scenes, they were able to see the positive outcomes of improved car safety features and safe driving.

Parents were invited to attend an evening session that discussed what they could do to support their Learner/Provisional drivers.

DONATIONS NATURE PLAY

The nature play committee would like to ask for donations of 2-4 half wine barrels, potting soil and native plants to put underneath our new verandahs at the front of the school. This project will help showcase our school focus on environmental education and appreciation of nature and give the students a sense of responsibility as they will be in charge of looking after the plants.

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Stay safe on the roads

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Bring your own carry bag, then fill with books for $5.00!!!

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COMMUNITY STUDIES— Cont.

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Hello! Our names are Natasha and Alysha and we are currently studying Year 11 at Mount Compass Area School.

As part of our Community Studies project we have decided to create a cookbook in support for the local school canteen. The cookbook will include previous canteen recipes, and we will recreate and outsource other recipes from parents and teachers of the local community. We are wondering if you, as part of the community, would be willing to share some of your old family recipes which we will then include in our book? If you would like to share your recipes with us please contact us on: dl.0289_info@schools.sa.edu.au

Kind Regards
Natasha Tillson and Alysha McNicol
Year 11

-SA POLICE LEARNER DRIVER INFORMATION NIGHT-

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2. Make sure you agree to push notifications
3. Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search THEN select your school

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In the July holidays a group of nine Mount Compass Area School students went on the snow trip to Mount Hotham, Victoria. They all endured the cruel 13 hour bus trip to the top of the mountain with a couple of “McDonalds” stops. The Compass students shared the Kongoola lodge with Yankalilla Area School students. We ate breakfast and dinner together every day.

The students participated in the daily snowboarding lessons which were lead by the amazing Hotham instructors. After lessons we were able to explore the mountain and snow board on the various runs. By the third day of the trip most students were able to go down the black runs which are for experienced snowboarders. The fresh snowfall made the trip so much better and memorable. Our snow trip came to an end and we jumped on the bus for home. Overall, the trip was one to remember for all the students, it was an amazing time that everyone should be a part of and experience once.

By Taras Mair and Oscar Sartor
Year 8

On Friday 4th August, the Year 9s visited the Science Alive Expedition and explored over 50 booths branching from one topic to the next. Each booth had different activities for others to enjoy and interact with. One of the main activities was a presentation by Lockheed Martin introducing engineering and its impact on the modern world and a chemistry demonstration.

When first walking through the main door people usually noticed two things, the big, inflatable brain on the left side and the huge suspended banners on the right. There were booths to the right containing information for people who were curious about oil pollution, the wealth of a taste tester and Lego robots to only name a few. Whereas on the left side (the bigger room) had a flight simulator, bug anatomy, a mars rover challenge, an inflatable brain with real anatomy and even solar powered cars to name only a few.

There were many puzzles and hands-on riddles that anyone could try and solve. Many people engaged in these activities, working together in teams. When asked, the majority of people said they learned lots, enjoyed themselves and would want to go back if they had the chance.

By James Hanna & Skye Domoney
Year 9

On 17th August Mount Compass Area School celebrated Happy Indonesian Independence Day! And what a day it was... lots of cultural learning and fun from our Indonesian visitors. I would like to thank Wendy Hayes, Bronwyn and Margaret in the canteen for making Nasi Goreng an option at the canteen.

I really appreciate everyone's support with promoting language at our school. Thank you also to Ms Kasprzak for arranging for our awesome Indonesian students to spend time at our school. Watching our students interact and engage like they did today makes it all worthwhile.

By Jemma
Indonesian Teacher
This year’s challenge is well underway and due to finish in Term 3. The challenge is for R-12 students to read (or have read to them) 12 books, 8 of which need to be from a special list. Completed student reading record forms must be returned to the library by FRIDAY 8th SEPTEMBER. The challenge is a wonderful way for parents to share reading with their children. The buddy classes are also doing great work reading to younger students.

### BUS SAFETY—ALIGHTING FROM THE BUS

Always cross roads safely after alighting from the bus. Always wait until the bus has completely gone from the bus stop and is out of sight before you begin to look for a safe place to cross. It is extremely dangerous to cross while the bus is stopped on the road or when the bus has just moved on and is still in sight, because the bus will block your view of following or oncoming traffic and the driver’s view of you.

- Watch the traffic from both directions and choose the safest time and place to cross.
- Choose a place where you can see the traffic and the drivers can see you.
- Wait and watch until the traffic is clear. Remember cars/trucks can travel at high speeds, eg. 80 or 100 kilometres per hour on highways and certain roads. A car or truck travelling at 100 kph covers 28 metres (the length of a cricket wicket and more) in just 1 second.
- Keep away from bends and/or crests in the road, parked cars/trucks, trees/bushes and busy corners.

### CANTEEN NEWS

We have 2 new items in the canteen.
- Twin pack dim sims $2.00 pkt
- Small round hash browns .50c each
Also available on QKR or by lunch order bag.

### NEXT STEP PROGRAM

- 5-8 year olds - $100
- 9-14 year olds - $220

Each participant will receive:
- Personalised Next Step Certificate
- Family pass to the 2017 SANFL, Mawson League, Grand Final on Sunday 30th September, Adelaide Oval
- $20 RSC Gift Voucher
- SAFL, Rnd 19’s Meet the players
- Coaching from experienced SANFL umpires/poys.

Register now | www.sanfl.com.au/neststep
Numbers are limited so register now to guarantee your spot.
Registrations close Friday 8th September.

### KIDZONE

**OSHC (KIDZONE) is open**
Monday - Friday 3.15pm-6.00pm
Mornings 7.00am-9.00am

OSHC is a safe and stimulating environment that offers a variety of activities and sports to suit all ages. We also provide afternoon tea for participating students. Preschool and all school age children are eligible.

OSHC is available for anyone to use, whether you work, study or the kids just want to play for a minimal cost. Most families are entitled to Child Care benefits and/or Child Care rebates.

We open on pupil free days with enough bookings. If any families are interested phone Cheraleen on 0411 134 701.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

Last term, the early years classes in the Junior School had the opportunity to learn about different frog species. We had a visit from frog expert Regina, who gave workshops about local frogs in our area, their habitat requirements, how to identify them from their calls and how to use a new app, Frogwatch to monitor them. The students were very excited and had the opportunity to handle a live green tree frog, as well as observe many other species including a frog that liked to burrow underground! Many students shared stories about the frogs they have found on their own properties and with our school swamp, this was an excellent opportunity to extend our Forest School Program.

**NRM FROG WORKSHOP**

**Volunteer**

We are always looking for volunteers to help in the canteen. Any days or hours would be immensely appreciated.

Any feedback is more than welcome.

Margaret & Bronwyn