As I reflect on my first year here as Principal of Tintinara Area School I can see the foundation being laid for the next stage of the school’s development, a period of growth guided by our Governing Council’s belief in our future. 2017 will be a period of alignment as we pursue more initiatives to improve learning outcomes for your children. I would like to acknowledge the support of my Leadership Team, Amanda Parsons (Deputy Principal), Karen Schilling and Deirdre Duffy (Co-heads of Junior School). Without the team’s support we would not have progressed as rapidly as we have. Karen will be missed while she is away on Teacher Exchange, I am sure she will return with new ideas and perspectives. Unfortunately we farewell Deirdre as she pursues new challenges in Tasmania; her passion for developing independent learners will be missed; Deirdre will be a highly valued member of her next team.

Thank you to our dedicated team of teachers and support staff, as individuals each and every one of you seeks the best for our students. Your consistent commitment to keeping students at the centre of everything we do is highly valued. I am proud to say this group of students is the best I have had the pleasure to work with. Students are the greatest asset our school has, their good nature and community mindedness is something we can all take pride in. For our community the adage “it takes a village to raise a child” could not be more apt. Our students are a reflection of our parents and community, an achievement for which we can all be proud.

It is timely for me to acknowledge the support and extend my thanks to the Governing Council and its chair, Steve Manning. This team has been instrumental in shaping the future direction of the school. As this newsletter goes to press we await the election of Governing Council positions for 2017.

Our staffing for 2017 is not yet complete however we must farewell Sheryl Schilling who will be unavailable to teach our Art classes next year. We thank you for your inspirational work with our students and look forward to the next opportunity for you to work with our students.

Presentation Night 2016 showcasing our students and their achievements, will be held on Thursday 15th December in the Tintinara Memorial Hall. Students are asked to arrive at 7:00pm for the evening to commence at 7.30pm. Their performances, as always will be the highlight of the night! All members of the school and wider community are invited to attend.

Best wishes for the last weeks of Term 4. I look forward to working with everyone again in 2017.

Mike Sadleir

Tintinara Area School
Flowers

We were very surprised that we were asked a lot of questions by many people at the expo about what worked well and what didn’t as well as the changes we made throughout the year growing the flowers. The group also discussed the changes to our action plan that we made throughout the year. On the day, we sold most of the flowers that we grew as well as the flowers that were donated to us. We had marigolds, sunflowers, poppies, roses and lavender as well as flower seeds for sale. By the end of the day we had made $16.10. It was a fun day and we really enjoyed it.

By Katelyn and Sophie

Gardening Group

We felt that our stall was a big success at the expo because there were many people who were interested in our stall. People asked questions about what we had grown, what unfortunately didn’t grow very well, the amount of profit that was made at the end of the year, and how we fixed our mistakes throughout the year. We grew snow-peas, lettuce, rocket, carrots and silver beet. We learnt that to grow vegetables successfully they need a lot of water and attention.

By Diana Biescas and Erin Tonkin
Integrated Learning Expo

Cropping Expo

On the day of the expo we showed all of our year’s work in integrated learning. Tyson, Ellie and Tom were part of the cropping group. We displayed the crops we harvested, such as beans, barley, lupins, wheat and oats.

The parents, teachers and other students asked questions about what we did throughout the year. We then answered and showed what happened during this process. The group also gave out a recipe, which was for the white bread made by Tyson.

*By Tom Finn, Tyson McCabe, Ellie Meyer, Charlton Manning, Wes Sanderson and Josh Croser.*

Construction

During the expo, we had many people come and look at our display. Everyone enjoyed looking and being able to ask questions about anything we had done throughout the year. Our group spoke about what we planned to make in the future. We had order forms for the guests to take home and send in to the school and have us build.

We had lots of information about the greenhouse (our major project) which was built from scratch. A tour of the Ag block included students, teachers and parents looking at the completed greenhouse and asking questions. Overall, the day was very successful and enjoyable for the guests and the students both.

*By Charlton Manning and Nick Croser*
Aquaponics

The IL expo was an exciting experience and we think everyone enjoyed it. We showed our tomatoes and potatoes that we grew. We had prepared a planned design of our system with the clay balls that are kept in it. Our group also made tuna patties for the lunch, which were a huge success. All in all it went quite well and we look forward to doing it again next year.

By Daniel, Josh and Billy

Show Chooks

The IL Expo was a chance for community members to come and see what each group had done over the year. The Chook group was extremely popular and our mascot “Daisy” the Game Bantam came in. Everyone asked a lot of questions about her and what happened at the shows. Unfortunately Donald, passed away before the expo due to a snake bite he was unable to attend.

By Erin Tonkin and Katelyn Doolan
Buddy Class

During Buddy Class the Foundation and Year 5/6 classes have been working together on a coding app called Scratch on the iPads.
Year 5/6 STEAM Display

STEAM display- 5/6 Non- instrumental students have been working on a Science- Technology-Engineering- Arts- Maths project where they represent the force of gravity connecting all galaxies in the universe together. This project is being set up in the science laboratory and will be available from this Friday onwards pop in and have a look!! L.Marzec

Leaders Recognition Day

On Monday 12th December school leaders including House Captains and SRC Representatives are invited to stay after school from 3.20 to 5.20pm for a swim and pizza. Notes will go home later this week.

SAPSASA Tennis

From the 21st to the 25th November I participated in the SAPSASA Tennis Tournament. It was a really fun experience because we all played at different numbers throughout the week. We played against different people with different skill levels and us with the way we played. I really enjoyed the experience because it helped me play better tennis.

*By Trinity Manning*

**Murray Mallee SAPSASA Tennis Results**

Northern/Whyalla
11 sets 76 games defeated Murray Mallee 7 sets 59 games

Mid South East
12 sets 79 games defeated Murray Mallee 6 sets 71 games

Southern Yorke Peninsula
14 sets 94 games defeated Murray Mallee 4 sets 58 games

Murray Mallee
14 sets 91 games defeated Kangaroo Island 4 sets 47 games

Salisbury East
18 sets 108 games defeated Murray Mallee 0 sets 22 games

Northern Yorke Peninsula
14 sets 97 games defeated Murray Mallee 4 sets 43 games

Gawler
14 sets 100 games defeated Murray Mallee 4 sets 46 games

Central Eye Peninsula
12 sets 89 games defeated Murray Mallee 6 sets 57 games

Murray Mallee
9 sets 80 games defeated Western Eyre Peninsula 9 sets 73 games
**Adult Fiction**

Walking the line       Mandy MARGO
The award             Danielle STEEL
Odessa sea            Clive CUSSLER
This was a man         Jeffrey ARCHER
Night school          Lee CHILD
No man’s land         David BALDACCI
Turbo twenty-three    Janet EVANOVICE
The toy maker         Liam PIEPER
Chaos                Patricia CORNWELL
The maid’s courage    Rosie GOODWIN
Cross the line        James PATTERSON
Cold blood            Andy McNAB
The Christmas wish    Nora ROBERTS
Snowflakes in the wind Rita BRADSHAW
The twisted knot      J.M. PEARCE

**Large Print:**

Night school          Lee CHILD
The award             Danielle STEEL
Cross the line        James PATTERSON
No man’s land         David BALDACCI

**Non-Fiction:**

Life as it is         Rebecca BURGE

Making a short speech or toast: practical advice, useful ideas and lots of help for anyone asked to speak in public Jackie ARNOLD

**Teenage Fiction:**

The battle of Hackham Heath John FLANAGAN

**Children’s Fiction:**

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double down Jeff KINNEY
The midnight gang      David WALLIAMS

**Children’s Picture Books:**

Grug learns to cook        Ted PRIOR
One minute                 Somin AHN
I don’t want to go to bed  David CORNWISH
The new LiBEARian          Alison DONALD

**Christmas titles:**

The bush Santa            Mandy FOOT
Sleigh ride                L. ANDERSON
Pig the elf                Aaron BLABEY
The naughtiest reindeer goes south Nicki GREENBERG
There’s something weird in Santa’s beard Chrissie KREBS
I want a hippopotamus for Christmas John ROX

**DVDs:**

Classification: G
Bob the builder: the complete first series
Finding Dory
Paper planes
Basil the great mouse detective
Bambi 2
Dumbo
Snow dogs
Saving Santa
Elf
Christmas town

Classification: PG
My big fat Greek wedding 2
Inspector Gadget
Inspector Gadget 2
Matilda

Classification: M
Bridge of spies
The lady in the van
In the heart of the sea
Focus
The boss
Money monster
The intern
Mission impossible: Rogue nation
Jurassic world
Miss you already
All about Christmas Eve

**School Holiday Opening Hours:**

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The library will be closing for the Christmas break on **Wednesday 21 December at 5.00 p.m.** and reopening on **Wednesday 11 January 2017 at 9.30 a.m.** after which normal school holiday hours will apply.

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YMCA SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

Why not join the YMCA Camping team on a fun filled Summer Holiday Camp these school holidays! With 4 Camps on offer including Surf, Caving, and Kangaroo Island camps there is a huge variety of awesome activities to keep your children busy throughout the summer holidays.

YMCA Holiday Camps are very popular and places are limited. Book now to secure your place in the sun, and join us for Fun, Friendship and Adventure! All the details and booking form can be found on the YMCA website – [http://www.sa.ymca.org.au/our-services/y-camping/school-holiday-camps/](http://www.sa.ymca.org.au/our-services/y-camping/school-holiday-camps/)

Contact YMCA Camping on 8406 2900 or campingsa@ymca.org.au for more details.

Kind Regards,

Anthony Bates
Manager - YMCA Camping and Outdoor Education
Keep your kids smiling

Dental care is Free for all babies, children not yet at school and most other children under 18 at School Dental Service clinics.

Your local clinic is located at:
Bordertown Primary School
South Terrace
BORDERTOWN SA 5268

All babies, children and young people under 18 are welcome. First dental check-ups are recommended from 12-18 months.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

Please call 8752 1786 to make an appointment

Tintinara Uniting Church Services
Christmas Eve Service December 24th at 7pm. All welcome.

Tintinara Lutheran Church Services
11th December 11 am HC
18th December 10 am LR
Christmas Eve 7:30 pm at Uniting Church
Christmas Day 7:30 am HC

Culburra Hall
Preliminary notice of a general public meeting on
Thursday 16th February 2017 at 8pm
To be held at Culburra Hall to discuss the future of the Culburra Hall.

The Combined Churches of Tintinara Present
Community Christmas Carols

Monday 19th December 2016
7pm
Tintinara Town Hall
Supper Room
Programme includes:
Musicians from Tintinara and Coonalpyn
Gold Coin Donation
Please bring a plate of food to share for Supper

Tintinara VACSWIM
January 3rd – 7th 2017
Online bookings only

Tintinara VACSWIM program will run for 5 days with double lessons from Tuesday 3rd January to Saturday 7th January (including Saturday morning).
There will be no onsite enrolments this year, all enrolments need to be done online. Please book as early as possible as this helps us to please our case for extra staff! Go to www.vacswim sa.com.au and select the “VACSWIM Locations/Enrolments” and follow the prompts.
This program is open to children starting school next year up to 12-13 years (if you are unsure please head to RLSSA or VACSWIM website).
Free Junior Golf sessions

To be held at Lake Albert Golf Club commencing weekly from Wednesday, 4th January from 3pm to 5:30pm.

Shared golf clubs (or bring your own), balls provided.

Adult helpers will be greatly appreciated.

Confirm your attendance by phone or text to Lisa on: 0437 247 481

Everyone welcome!
BUS TRAVEL ABSENCE NOTIFICATION
Please fill in and return to the school Front Office when changes to normal travel arrangements are made.

Student/s Name/s: ___________________________ Bus Route: __________________

Date of absence/s: _____/_____/______ to: _____/_____/______ AM PM BOTH (please circle relevant time)

Changes to normal travel (eg different bus route, travelling with another student, etc): __________________________

Parents/Caregivers please note: Bus Drivers will need to be notified directly of morning absences as well.

For students that wouldn’t normally utilise buses (eg live under 5km from School) and have a need to use one of the routes throughout the year (eg sleepovers, sporting commitments etc) permission will need to be sought from the Principal PRIOR to travel taking place.

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Date: __________/________/________ [Office Notified: __________/________/________ Changes made: __________/________/________]

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Homegroup Teacher: ___________________________

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Reason for Absence: ___________________________

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Parent Signature: ___________________________ [Teacher Signature: ___________________________

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