

McDonald Park School

NEWSLETTER

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GENEROSITY - RESPECT - HONESTY - LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER

COMING EVENTS

WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
Swimming rooms T6, 1, 2	Governing Council meeting Assembly	GRIP Leadership conference for student leaders Swimming room A3 22/02 Acquaintance Night

CONTINUING THE MCPARK JOURNEY INTO THE NEXT ERA

Welcome to a new school year. We hope that you have had an enjoyable and restful holiday with your children and are ready for a productive and powerful year of learning with your child.

Personally, I am excited to be beginning the new year in the role of principal. I feel honoured to be leading McDonald Park School and look forward to working with the school community to continue to build upon its strengths. I am particularly looking forward to working in partnership with families and staff as we prepare students to develop the skills and dispositions that will be essential for them to be successful in the future.

It has often been stated that students who are currently at primary school may be employed in fields and areas that have not yet been thought of; therefore it is important that schools focus on developing powerful learners. A powerful learner is someone who approaches learning with curiosity and motivation; they have grit and determination, setting personal realistic goals to challenge themselves. They also have the skills to work collaboratively, approaching problems creatively and with the ability to use appropriate literacy, numeracy and ICT knowledge.

How can we ensure that as a school we are providing students with opportunities to become powerful learners? I believe that it is an ideal opportunity to review our existing school vision and ensure that we are heading in the right direction for our students. Consequently the school community will be provided the opportunity to answer three questions that will help staff and Governing Council to shape our future directions. These questions, listed below, will be displayed in the front office, classrooms and electronically. Please give the questions some thought and provide your thoughts back to the school so that you can contribute to the future directions of the school. Alternatively return the tear off slip and return to school by Acquaintance Night, February 22nd 2017.

What makes McDonald Park School unique?

What skills/knowledge/dispositions are essential for your child to be successful in the future?

What will our school need to ensure that our students are successful and develop the above listed skills? (resources, training, facilities etc).

Please talk to your child's class teacher or a senior leader if you require additional information.

We look forward to gaining your input and developing a proposal to the community by the end of the term. Simultaneously we will be working to develop powerful learners, as students have started the year developing an understanding of what it means to be a successful learner, foster a growth mindset and negotiate learning goals as part of the setting up for success program within classrooms.

Kirsty Trahar, Sharon Day, Lia Jordan
SENIOR STAFF



ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT



We are very proud of our school and the fantastic programs and facilities that we offer. We welcome parents to come in at any time to have a look around or join in activities such as class reading, kitchen-garden lessons or helping out in the library. We

realise however that this is not always possible to do during school hours and therefore invite families to come along to our acquaintance night on Wednesday, 22 February between 6.00pm to 7.00pm. This is a great opportunity to take a closer look and meet your child(ren)'s teacher(s). We hope to see you there.

BELL TIMES 2017

8.55am	School begins
10.55am	Recess - out to play
11.25am	Recess finishes
1.05pm	Lunch - out to play
1.35pm	Lunch finishes
3.15pm	Dismissal

MCPARK ON FACEBOOK



McPark has a page on Facebook.

Search for McDonald Park School and 'like' our page to

keep up to date with what's happening.

We will posting information for parents and caregivers on a regular basis.

Our newsletter can be accessed online at http://www.mcpark7.sa.edu.au/whats_happenin_g.htm

MCDONALD PARK ACADEMIC AWARD WINNERS 2016

Reception:	Jacob V, Carey G
Year 1:	Cohen M, Macy Wi
Year 2:	Cooper M, Peniana C
Year 3:	Taj M, Bailey B
Year 4:	Ashley W, Yenna J
Year 5:	James W, Lily D, Teesh W
Year 6:	Aiden C, Gemma R
Year 7:	Edward N, Brooke T, Zara B

NEW STAFF

Welcome to Samantha Jansons, Katelyn Squire, Laura Britten, Shelley Boylan, Rosie Bronca, Kerrin Blott, Jess O'Neill, Alice Hamilton and Clinton Meyer. A complete list of staff is attached to the newsletter.

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES

We welcome these new students and their families to McDonald Park:

Braith A, Jasmin A, William A, Hannah B, Cameryn B, Alex B, Finlay B, Phoebe B, Brycen B, Jayden B, Tye C, Eric C, Bridget C, Jake C, Skarlette C, Addison C, Te Kani C, Ronnie C, Aiden C, Riley C, Jacob C, India C, Roman D, Ella D, Ariana E, Ava E, Kayla F, Riley F, Milla F, Bronson G, Melaura G, Tarkyn G, Amelia G, Noah G, Luke G, Kaitlyn G, Kade H, Amedi H, Hayden H, Sophie J, Lucas J, Dorica K, Anana, K, Benjamin K, Brodey K, Max K, Max L, Tarj L, Connor L, Kahlika M, Chelsea M, Beau M, Austin M, Elanor M, Oliver M, Mylee M, Bodey M, Paige M, Isac N, Jacob N, Nash N, Taylan P, Blake P, Bailee R, Mason R, Jayla S, William S, Jett S, James S, Taitte S, Madyx S, Zaive S, Chontelle T, Reimond U, Isabelle W, Jack W, Kelsey W, Aaleya W, Jordy W, Jamie W, Madelyn W, Alix W, Liam W, Matthew W, Kye W.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

The Student Leadership team for 2017 was selected at the end of last year. The process involved writing an application and for those students whose applications met the criteria to a high level, an interview. The quantity and quality of applicants were impressive, which made the final decision a difficult one.



The McDonald Park Student Leadership team for 2017 include: Dylan M, Reece M, Gemma R, Niamh L, Charlotte H, Nicole T, Gage P and Ben Y. As a team they are looking forward to representing the school and putting some of their leadership ideas into practice.

SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

As always we will start the year with activities that provide a positive and consistent start for all students. During the first two weeks teachers will also collect information about your child's learning, which will assist them to plan for your child's needs.

POLICE CHECKS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Many of our parents and guardians volunteer at our school to support their child's learning.

To make it easier for parents and guardians to volunteer their time, the Department for Education and Child Development has updated its relevant history screening policy and procedures.

As a result, parents and guardians who volunteer to directly support their child will no longer require a relevant history screening.

This will mean many of our volunteers can help out sooner.

A screening is still necessary for parents and guardians who are volunteering at school camps and sleep overs, as well as those hosting billets and homestay students.

As has always been the case, a screening is not needed to attend single events or activities at our school. These include concerts, fundraisers, swimming week or sports day.

Screenings are just one measure used to help keep children safe. Everyone who works with children plays a part in child protection, including watching out for inappropriate behaviour.

Find out more about relevant history screening and keeping children safe at www.decd.sa.gov.au.

If you have any questions about screening or these changes, please speak with school staff.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

We currently have in stock the following uniforms:

- Summer dresses(size 4,6 & 8) \$16.50
- Hats \$8.00
- Black shorts \$16.50
- Red/black t-shirt \$28.50
- Green jumper \$29.50
- Pinafore \$44.00
- White shirt \$16.50
- Black fleecy pant \$16.50
- Girls black leisure pant \$17.50
- School bag \$52.50

CANTEEN HELPERS

Phone Michelle 87254221

Week Beginning	Mon 6 th Feb	Mon 13 th Feb
Monday	Amber	Anyone help?
Tuesday	Anyone help?	Anyone help?
Wednesday	Krystal	Amy
Thursday	Deb	Deb
Friday	Deb, Bec	Deb, Jo

PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL



A reminder to parents that for the safety of all children you may not park in the staff car park when dropping off or picking up children, unless you have a disabled permit. The gates will be shut from 3.15pm-

3.30pm each day and must not be opened. Thank you for your co-operation.

The school has been contacted by local residents on a number of occasions about cars being parked across their driveways, both before and after school. We ask that parents and caregivers be mindful where they park at these times as it makes it difficult for residents to come and go from their homes when this happens. Thank you.

RESOURCE CENTRE

The resource centre staff welcomes all new families to our school and we look forward to seeing all families throughout the year in our fabulous resource centre.

Resource centre staff are:

Suzanne Harding and Rosie Bronca (teacher librarians)

Sue Moelder and Nicole Thompson (SSO's)

Our regular volunteers are Richard Zaccardo and Gill Skinner.

We are open from 8.30am to 4.30pm. We are passionate about reading and literature and encourage families to enjoy our wonderful variety of books before school and at other times.

- Each class has a 30 minute library skill/borrowing session per week. This encourages regular returning and borrowing routines. Library connection lessons develop independent library skills and a connection to reading.
- Reception/year one classes have book sharing so we look forward to parent participation during this time.
- Resource based learning units of work will continue with each class twice a year.
- Students will need to bring a library bag (cloth or plastic) and are expected to return books fortnightly.

More information will come home via newsletter and class teachers.

Please see us in person, phone or write us a note if you need to talk to us at any time.

Suzanne, Rosie, Sue and Nicole

Resource centre staff

"Children are made readers in the laps of their parents."

Emelie Buchwald

REMINDERS

- **Hats and Uniforms** – in terms 1 and 4 all students need to wear a broad brimmed or bucket hat in the yard and during outside activities such as fitness and PE. Hats are available from the front office for \$8.00. We have a school dress code and we expect all students to dress accordingly. Most items are available for purchase from the front office. Please label all items of clothing. We have a lost property bin which is located in the main building near room one (under the stairs). Please check this regularly for lost items.
- **Hot weather** – All areas of the school are air-conditioned, which provides students with pleasant learning conditions at all times. For this reason we do not send students home when the forecast is 38 degrees or above. If parents wish to collect their child it is their choice. We also have an inclement weather policy and students are kept inside during break times on wet and very hot days.
- **Medication** – Please remember to ensure your child's medications eg asthma puffers, epi-pens, ADHD medicine are not past their expiry date and that you have supplied the school with the necessary medication and health care plan signed by your doctor.
- **Materials and Services** – Invoices and school card forms were posted out to families last week. Please see front office staff if you didn't receive one.
- **Nut Allergies** - DECD requires schools to promote and construct learning environments that are safe and supportive. Students and staff may have anaphylactic (severe allergic) conditions, that include nut allergies. This means that exposure at school may constitute a risk to the health and well being. It is not possible to guarantee that the environment will be completely free of potential hazards, however, compliance to reasonable guidelines will minimise the potential risks.

Where a parent of a child with an allergy to nuts or nut products has alerted the school to the fact (backed by medical evidence /documentation), the school will manage the situation in the following way:

Parents:

- Parents and caregivers being asked to take this into consideration when they are packing their child's lunch. Where possible pack an alternative to peanut butter, Nutella or similar, nuts, peanut cooking oil and other foods that may contain nuts.

REMINDERS cont.

Students:

- Students being encouraged NOT to share or purchase food for other students.
- Students being encouraged to wash hands after eating.
- Students bringing food that contain nuts or nut products being asked to eat that food away from any other students and to wash their hands after eating.

Staff:

- Staff supervising eating at lunch time in classrooms or another confined area.
- Staff made aware of students who have anaphylactic responses, including nut allergy

WANTED KITCHEN GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Help needed to supervise the different activity groups during garden classes. Lessons take less than an hour and you don't need to have gardening experience. People who enjoy gardening are also very welcome to volunteer at other times too. Please see the staff at the front office.

CANTEEN NEWS

We can no longer source the spicy nuggets for the 'fire eater' boxes, they have been deleted from sale. Banana Milky Max milks have also been deleted.

WANTED

Volunteers for Monday mornings, 9.00am to 11.30am if anyone is available.

CITY SCHOOL BUS SERVICES

Please note that the school city bus service has a code of conduct and behaviour on our buses. We would like to see all students abide by the rules for the safety of all concerned. We are not a free service so would appreciate students having the correct money when travelling to and from school. Fare prices are \$1.10 per trip or our student multi trip ticket entitling the user to 10 trips for \$8.60 per ticket. Also we have our student concession passes which run for four weeks at \$24.80. Hope you all have a happy 2017. Any queries please call Michael Suto or Jo Sykes **87249978** during business hours.

COMMUNITY NEWS



FREE 'Come & Try'

Friday, 5:15pm-6:30pm, 3 Feb, Malseed Park

Girls and boys play T20 cricket in a fun, safe welcoming environment.

Register for the full 8 week program or for more info: playcricket.com.au

Search using your postcode to find your local club

VISIT PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU/T20BLAST TO FIND OUT MORE



SCHOOL T-BALL

A T-ball competition for boys and girls in years three to five will be run in term one. Games will be played on Friday evenings from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. The first game is on 10th February. The venue is the baseball grounds at Blue Lake Sports Park.

If you are interested in your child/children playing school t-ball please fill out the reply slip below and return it to the front office by Friday, 3rd February.

All equipment and uniforms are provided. Coaches, managers and perhaps umpires are needed for each team. Please note that without volunteers to take on these roles no teams will be entered.

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MCDONALD PARK SCHOOL

I give permission for my child/children to play school t-ball in term one.

Name: _____ Yr ____ Rm ____

Name: _____ Yr ____ Rm ____

Parent/guardian name: _____

Signed: _____

I am willing to: (please circle)

Coach Umpire Manage

COMMUNITY NEWS



Mount Gambier Out of School Hours Care

30 O'Halloran Tce, Mount Gambier
PO Box 524 SA 5290

Phone: 8723 1922 Fax: 8724 7066

Email: admin@mountgambieroshc.org.au



Before school care: 6.30am – 8.30am
After school care: 3.00pm-6.00pm
Early closure: 2.00pm-6.00pm
Vacation Care: 6.30am-6.00pm

Transport for children to and from all school and any adjoining kindergartens, *conditions apply

Come and visit us. Arts and Crafts, Activities, Excursions, Experiments, Friendships and lots more.

MINKEY/HOCKEY

A minkey/hockey competition will run during term one for years three, four, and five children. Games will be on Wednesday afternoons from 5.00pm at Blue Lakes Sports Park. The hockey association will organise teams and a draw and will let parents know after the first night of competition. If you are interested in your child/children playing minkey/hockey please fill in the reply slip below and return to the front office by Friday, 3rd February.

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MCDONALD PARK SCHOOL

I give permission for my child/children to play school t-ball in term one.

Name: _____ Yr ____ Rm ____

Name: _____ Yr ____ Rm ____

Parent/guardian name: _____

Signed: _____

Student has played before: YES / NO

STATE SAPSASA 12 & U TEAMS

If your child is interested in nominating for a state team this year, please go to the new SAPSASA website <https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/sport>. As a guide nominations for team sports close a few days prior to the first trial and nominations for individual sports close soon after the championship.

SAPSASA 12 & U Teams	1 st Trial
Rugby League	19 May
Australian Football	18 April
Cross Country	1 June (championship)
Tennis	28 May
Netball	4 June
Softball – G	4 April
Softball – B	7 April
Golf	31 August
Hockey – B	8 June
Hockey – G	8 June
Soccer – B	20 April
Soccer – G	6 May
Swimming	16 March (championship)
Diving	17 March (championship)
Basketball – B	2 September
Basketball – G	2 September
Touch – B	August
Touch – G	August
Track & Field	25 Sept (championship)
Cricket – B	1 April
Cricket – G	18 March

COMMUNITY NEWS

BLUE LAKE BMX CLUB

Come and Try Day

10.30am, Sunday 26th February 2017
Hasting Cunningham Reserve

Want to try BMX racing?

The event is open to participants who have never held a BMX licence. We welcome children and adults of any age to come and have a go. There will be coaches on hand who will be taking participants through some basic skills like gate starts, cornering and pumping. Participants will need a bike in safe working order, long pants, long sleeved shirt, covered shoes, full face helmet and full fingered gloves (the club will have some gear available to borrow on the day).

For more details, contact our Club President Al Morgan on 0458 647 196.

COMMUNITY NEWS

NANGWARRY NETBALL CLUB

Invites all intending players, current, past and new to the following selections to be held at the Nangwarry Netball Courts.

Seniors (A, A Res, B, B Res)

Sunday 19th Feb, 12.00pm
Sunday 26th Feb, 12.00pm
Tuesday 28th Feb, 6.00pm

Juniors (1 & 2, 13, 15, 17)

Sunday 19th Feb, 11.00am
Sunday 26th Feb, 11.00am
Tuesday 28th Feb, 5.00pm

Any queries or apologies to Cassie Dinnison at cassiedinnison@gmail.com or on 0435 366 980.

SEISHIKAN KARATE

Beginners class on Mondays at 4.45pm until 5.30pm. The class is designed to teach co-ordination, self discipline and self belief, as well as teaching a valid form of self defence. Enquires can be made by calling Phil on 0413 183 928 or Alba on 0407 257 918. The venue is at the Senior Citizens Clubrooms, 42 James Street, Mount Gambier (opposite Cheap as Chips carpark).

WEST GAMBIER NETBALL CLUB – JUNIOR TRIALS

West Gambier Netball Club are seeking girls aged 10 to 17 years to play netball for the club in 2017.

Trials will be held at the West Gambier netball courts on:

Sunday, 12 February, 10.00am to 11.30am
Monday, 13 February, 5.00pm to 6.30pm
Tuesday, 14 February, 5.00pm to 6.30pm

For further information please contact Jodie Johnston on 0439 872 326.

OUR STAFF 2017

LOCATION	YEAR	TEACHER	RESPONSE
PRINCIPAL		Kirsty Trahar	
DEPUTY		Sharon Day	
STUDENT COUNSELLOR		Lia Jordan	
SENIOR LEADER			
ABORIGINAL EDUCATION		Katherine Bundy	
A1	REC	Sue Wilson	
A1 & A2 & A3		Samantha Jansons	
A2	REC	Amy Pitkin	
A3	R/1	Melissa McCracken	
A4	R/1	Katelyn Squire	
A5	NIT	Sally Strachan	
1	1	Deanne Spencer	
2	1	Lydia Huitema	
1 & 2		Karen Fox	
3	NIT	Sonya Jolly	
4			
5	LOTE	Sarah Hanzawa	
6	LOTE	Amber Deppeler	
7	4	Laura Pratt	
8	4	Laura Britten	
9	4/5	Jill Kennewell	
		Shelley Boylan	
10	4/5	Karen Mitchell	
10		Rosie Bronca	
11	5	Gaynor Arthurson	
12	NIT	Kerrin Blott	
13	NIT	Sallyanne Morgan	
	PRT	Jess O'Neill	
T1	2	Trudi Dew	
T2	3	Rose Cooper	
T3	3	Carrie Bisnov	
T3		Briony Schleuniger	
T4	3	Kate Eldridge	
T5	2	Alice Hamilton	
T6	2	Michelle Schulz	
N1	6/7	Chris Couchman	
N2	5/6	Paul Bigg	
N3	6/7	Naomi Aston	
N4	6/7	Vanessa McLean	
N5	6/7	Erin Munday	
N6		Stacey Tilley	
N6	6/7	Helen Widdison	
RESOURCE CENTRE		Suzanne Harding	
		Rosie Bronca	
SSO		Nicole Thompson	Sonya Shepherd
		Jan Boyanton	Clinton Meyer
		Sue Moelder	
		Bronwyn Waters	
		Anna Doll	
		Ev Stratman	
		Connie Nieto	
		Julie McKinnon	
		Samantha Clarke	
		Shane Lewis	
		Linda Ward	
		Jill Lewis	
ACEO		Bernie Manser	
STUDENT WELFARE WORKER		Robyn Howard	
CANTEEN		Michelle Clark	
		Deb Neilson	
GROUNDSMAN		Jason McLean	
GARDEN SPECIALIST		Rebecca Phyland	

MCDONALD PARK SCHOOL—TERM 1 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Events subject to change at school's discretion if need arises.)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	30/1	31/1	1/2	2/2 Newsletter	3/2 Assembly
WEEK 2	6/2 Swimming rooms T6, 1, 2	7/2	8/2 Student Leadership breakfast with Troy Bell	9/2	10/2
WEEK 3	13/2	14/2 Governing Council meeting	15/2	16/2 Newsletter	17/2 Assembly
WEEK 4	20/2 Swimming room A3	21/2	22/2 Acquaintance Night 6.00pm to 7.00pm	23/2	24/2
WEEK 5	27/2 Swimming room A4	28/2	1/3	2/3 Newsletter	3/3 Assembly Schools Clean Up Aust. Day
WEEK 6	6/3 Swimming rooms T4, 8, A1, A2	7/3	8/3	9/3	10/3
WEEK 7	13/3 ADELAIDE CUP	14/3 Swimming rooms 7, 9, 10, 11 Governing Council meeting	15/3	16/3 Newsletter	17/3 Assembly Ride 2 School Day National Day Against Bullying and Violence
WEEK 8	20/3 Swimming rooms T2, T3, T5	21/3 World Harmony Day	22/3	23/3	24/3
WEEK 9	27/3 Swimming rooms T1, T2, T3	28/3	29/3	30/3 Newsletter	31/3 Assembly
WEEK 10	3/4 Three way conferences	4/4	5/4 Year 6/7 camp	6/4	7/4
Week 11	9/4	10/4 Art Show	11/4	12/4 Newsletter Assembly	13/4 GOOD FRIDAY