

# McDonald Park School

## NEWSLETTER

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### COMING EVENTS

WEEK 9	WEEK 10	TERM 3
29/06 Peace Run assembly 9.00am	06/07 Year 6/7 Shakespeare performance <b>8/07 EARLYDISMISSAL</b> <b>2.15PM</b>	<b>WEEK 1</b> <b>24/07 PUPIL FREE DAY</b> <b>25/07 FIRST DAY OF TERM 3</b> 28/07 School's Tree Day

### EDUCATION SUMMIT

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June our staff, along with all other sites in the region, attended the 2017 Education Summit.

Entitled "Empowering a Community of Learners", this year's summit built on the success of last year's event. This year the focus was on exposing teachers and leaders to frameworks, innovative classroom practices and new methods of teaching that support the design of high quality teaching practices. Educators attended a range of sessions which provided insight into helping all students to gain the self-confidence, perseverance and proactive dispositions they need to grasp opportunities which lead to success in life.



In the morning all educators listened to two keynote speakers. Tony Wagner, who serves as an Expert in Residence at Harvard University, spoke about what makes students most likely to succeed. His short film, *Most Likely to Succeed*, premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in 2015. Next, Lee Crockett who is a multi-talented author, speaker, designer and inspirational thinker inspired us all with his talk focused on students being passionate problem solvers of world problems.

After morning tea, early years educators moved to participate in workshops with Matt Glover, taking an in-depth look at the writing process. Primary and secondary staff listened to Daniel Flynn, co-creator of the Thankyou Project, relating his story of success (with a lot of failures along the way). Daniel had a lot for us to learn about growth mindset and persistence!

Following the lunch break, a wide variety of workshops were planned covering a multitude of thought provoking subjects. Staff chose two workshops in which to participate. Many of the presenters were international or national experts, and some were local presenters. Our staff participated in a wide variety of workshops and will share new knowledge with each other in the coming weeks.

The Education Summit was a major event in the education calendar, and there were many staff from outside our region who heard about it and came along to learn with us. The quality of speakers and presenters was outstanding and we are very fortunate that the leadership team of our partnerships (Blue Lake and South East Coast and Vines) is so innovative regarding teacher professional learning. We have all come away from the Summit with a lot to think and talk about!

**Kirsty Trahar, Sharon Day & Lia Jordan**  
**SENIOR STAFF**



## TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

If your child has a fever, has been vomiting, has a rash or has a bad cold and flu symptoms please keep them home from school and consider seeing a doctor.

Being mindful of this will also help stop the spread of illnesses to others.

## SAPSASA FOOTBALL

The Lower South East football team finished second in division one, a fantastic effort given the quality of the opposition.



As a member of the Lower South East football team I travelled to Adelaide along with three other students from McDonald Park School to play in the SAPSASA football carnival from 5<sup>th</sup> June to 9<sup>th</sup> June. There were 41 teams competing in four divisions. The Lower South East team competed in division one. Out of the nine games we played over the week we won seven and lost two. We came equal second overall. Personally, I really enjoyed playing and learnt a lot of new techniques. I really enjoyed playing with my mates and had a great week with them too. It was an awesome experience!  
**Jay T**

Firstly I would like to thank Mr McShane for coaching us and looking after us at football. He came up with a lot of different strategies to work with and it was fun. We were in division one and we came equal second with Torrens River. I had a great week in Adelaide. We also went out for tea at the Watermark and went to Bounce. I am very happy our team came second overall. Hopefully next year they have a good team and get to enjoy their time in Adelaide at SAPSASA.  
**Usher L**

For me SAPSASA footy was the best. We won seven and lost two games. One of the teams we had to verse had six six footers. We had to win our last game to finish on top, but unfortunately Torrens River were too good and we lost. We were disappointed but finished runners up out of nine teams. Overall, the whole entire carnival was so good and so much fun I would totally do it again if I could.  
**Bodey H**

SAPSASA football was a great experience for everybody that got in. Our team played really well for most games and we came second in the tournament which is an amazing effort. Our coach was really fair to everyone and gave everybody the same amount of time off on the bench. I had a great time and I would definitely recommend you trying out if you are in year six or seven and who knows you might get in.  
**Reece M**

## SAPSASA NETBALL

The Lower South East division two netball team finished first and have been promoted to division one for next year. The division six girls also had a great week and finished second.



From the 5<sup>th</sup> June to the 9<sup>th</sup> June I represented the Lower South East in SAPSASA netball. We played at Priceline Stadium and won 7/9 games. Our team finished runners up in our division. I played in defence and learnt new skills to help me. On Wednesday night we went to Bounce and went out for tea with the footballers. During the week we saw the coach of the Thunderbirds and also saw Erin Bell. I enjoyed my week at SAPSASA playing with my team mates. Thank you Tracy and Melissa for coaching me. I hope to do SAPSASA next year again.  
**Alannah C**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of June until the 9<sup>th</sup> of June Madison, Alannah and I represented the school at SAPSASA netball. It was held at Priceline Stadium every day. I played in division six with the other Lower South East girls with Tracey McShane coaching us. We played two games every day, we won seven out of nine games and drew runners up. We had 10 girls in our team with Alannah and I from McPark, Maddy was in the other team with Melissa Russell coaching them. Overall I had a fantastic time and loved every moment, I would do it again in no time!  
**Maelee D**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of June, I represented the Lower South East in the SAPSASA netball state carnival in Adelaide along with two other students from our school. My team came first in our division with only one loss to Northern, winning us a gold medal on the Friday. Overall, it was a really enjoyable week and if I had the opportunity I would definitely do it again.  
**Maddy C**

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Elijah S** who has been selected in the state SAPSASA swim team to compete at the School Sport Australia, Pacific School Games in Adelaide from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> December. The games will be held in Adelaide with over 4,000 children competing from 15 countries. Elijah is the only swimmer who was selected from the Lower South East and this is the second time he has been selected to represent South Australia. Well done Elijah and all the best in December!

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS AWARDS - TERM 2, WEEK 6

Presented to	By	For
Carey G	Mrs Spencer & Mrs Fox	leading by example and being a great role model for others.
Mitchell M	Mrs Spencer & Mrs Fox	willingly using his initiative and helping others within the classroom and school yard.
Madyx S	Ms Huitema & Mrs Fox	his persistent attitude towards learning, particularly writing and reading.
Finn G	Ms Huitema & Mrs Fox	his positive growth mindset and always doing his best.
Rupert M	Miss Pratt	an increased stamina in writing and growth mindset.
Keeley W	Miss Pratt	always trying her best with everything, especially word study.
Tex T	Miss Britten & Ms Bundy	demonstrating persistence and resilience during class time.
Lacey J	Miss Britten & Ms Bundy	working persistently during maths sessions and ignoring distractions.
Madden M	Ms Kennewell & Mrs Boylan	showing interest and inquiry on our geography field trip, and for applying strategies in multiplication beyond simple numbers.
Amelia H	Ms Kennewell & Mrs Boylan	showing dedication and focus in literacy and word study tasks.
Riley H	Ms Mitchell & Mrs Bronca	the extra effort he is putting into his learning at school and home.
Muhamad K	Ms Mitchell & Mrs Bronca	his excellent attitude to do well with his learning. He starts tasks promptly and strives to do his best.
James T	Mrs Arthurson & Mrs Boylan	his effort and detail in homework.
Riley P	Mrs Arthurson & Mrs Boylan	using his initiative by completing his persuasive writing task at home.
Noah G	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Jansons	making super progress in his reading and for developing resilience. Well done Noah!
Nash N	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Jansons	gaining strength in his reading and for being kind and thinking of others. Well done Nash!
Mia R	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Jansons	her fantastic commitment to her at home reading and making wonderful progress. We are so impressed!
Isaac N	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Jansons	an enormous effort during book making putting fantastic detail in his illustrations and doing some amazing sounding out of unknown words.
India W	Mrs McCracken & Mrs Jansons	accepting challenges in maths, learning by using perseverance to succeed and showing great commitment to all learning areas.
Bradley W	Mrs McCracken & Mrs Jansons	showing commitment during independent learning tasks and continuing to show grit when learning sight words and practising reading.

## CANTEEN HELPERS

Phone Michelle 87254221

Week Beginning	Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
Monday	Jo	Jo
Tuesday	Lorraine	Lorraine
Wednesday	Krystal	Catherine
Thursday	Deb, Belinda	Deb, Belinda
Friday	Deb, Bec	Deb, Jo

## RESOURCE CENTRE

### PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Students who have returned their Premier's Reading Challenge forms have placed their 'bubbles' on our display window. Come and see! Forms are due back 8 September 2017.

## SCHOOL SOCCER

A soccer competition for boys and girls in years three to five will be run in term 3, 2017 from Saturday, 5 August. Five games will be played on Saturday mornings starting from 9.00am. The venue will be various schools who have nominated.

If you are interested in your child/children playing school soccer please fill out the reply slip below and return it to the front office by Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June.

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.

### **MCDONALD PARK SCHOOL**

I give permission for my child/children to play school soccer in term three.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Yr \_\_\_\_ Rm \_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Yr \_\_\_\_ Rm \_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to: (please circle)

Coach                  Umpire                  Manage

## COMMUNITY NEWS

# Growing Resilient Kids

A workshop providing practical tips for parents, caregivers, teachers, SSO's and grandparents to help children manage their anxiety and learn some general coping tools.

6:45-9:00pm

Wednesday, 28th June  
Main Corner Complex

1 Bay Rd, Mt Gambier

TICKETS \$15

City of Mount Gambier



PRESENTED BY:

Lana-Joy Durik

Psychologist, MPsych, MAPS



Smiles All Round gratefully acknowledges the financial support from PHN Country SA and the Australian Government Department of Health, subsidising the tickets for this event.

Bookings & payment essential by 5pm on 26 June  
Register via <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/53536>  
or contact Smiles All Round

INFO: 0430 022 705; 08 8762 1843  
admin@smiles-all-round.com.au



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

We warmly invite you to celebrate the launch of **headspace Mount Gambier**

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

**Thursday 6 July**  
11.30am-2.30pm

171 Commercial St East  
Mount Gambier

11.30am Official launch  
12.30pm Lunch, centre tour and activities  
2.30pm Event close

Please RSVP for catering by Thursday 29 June.  
<https://headspacelaunch.eventbrite.com.au>  
For event information, please contact headspace on 8725 0443.

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## Despicable Me 3

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 @ 6.15pm

Tickets \$6.00 each and can only be purchased from the Mount Gambier Police Station.

Buy your own food & drinks from the Oatmill Cinema.  
Parents / Caregivers to collect their children at 8.20pm.

A fully supervised event - no pass outs.

A smoke-drug-alcohol free event.

Recommended for Ages 7-13yo

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## LOCAL AUTHOR EVENT with Mallory Whiting

"Behind the Wall"

Saturday 24th June 2017  
11am @ the Mount Gambier Library

Local author, Mallory Whiting, is excited to be launching her debut novel "Behind the Wall". This tale will take you through secret lands, promotes life lessons, friendship and most of all; adventure!

You are invited to come along and join Mallory at her launch. She will introduce her book, discuss her inspiration, explain her dedication to writing, the process of editing and finally holding her published book in her hands.

Mallory is sure to inspire budding authors through her journey and looks forward to answering any questions. Following the launch, you can purchase your copy of Mallory's book, "Behind the Wall".

Free community event.  
Bookings essential telephone (08) 872 12540 or online [www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library](http://www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library)

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## COSTUMES 4 KIDZ

"Book Week Specialists"

Costumes start from \$10.00 per hire

Costumes can be made to order - conditions apply

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