

McDonald Park School

NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

WEEK 5	WEEK 6	WEEK 7
Start Smart Primary Program Book Week 25/08 Dress Up parade 9.00am	National Literacy & Numeracy week 01/09 Assembly 30/08 & 31/08 Stories in Fairyland	06/09 Music is Fun, Rec to Yr 7

MCPARK'S KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program is one of the defining aspects of our school and it is something to cherish and be proud of. When reviewing the school's vision statement at the beginning of the year, the kitchen garden program was prominent in the feedback from all sectors of our school community. When reviewing the vision statement the inclusion of specific words faced great scrutiny and debate; to include the word 'thriving' in our vision statement is not only indicative of our focus on ensuring that each student is growing and progressing in their learning, but it's inclusion is also inclusive of the importance of our garden program, where many plants are thriving.

Over the seven years that the program has been in place we have seen many changes, particularly in the garden area. A comparison of aerial shots taken of the garden clearly shows how it has been shaped over time. We have been fortunate to have had four garden specialists; Michele, Sam, Rebecca and Elaine make their unique contribution to the garden. Rebecca focused on using materials in the garden to create trellis' and taught students the art of weaving using grasses. Elaine has already connected with Bunnings and is working in partnership with them to provide each class with a pruning workshop. The focus for this term's garden lessons is on quality soil and will include testing the soil and the benefits of composting.

Junior primary classes are often seen playing and exploring in the garden, both with their class as part of their learning and also as part of their supervised lunchtime play. Classes have adopted a garden bed and are being very industrious in keeping that garden bed maintained.

Students in N1 are working on a project where the garden is currently being filmed using a camera that provides 360° images. It is anticipated that the school community will be able to access these images along with the additional information that the students will put on the application. This may include a mini workshop on growing cuttings from the greenhouse, tips to create your own compost at home or information on how to harvest specific produce. Recipes will also be included so that the dishes created at school can be replicated.

In the kitchen classes Mrs Morgan and Ms Blott have returned to the emphasis of small groups creating a number of dishes that are then combined and shared as a whole class. It is always wonderful to hear about the recipes being made at home after making them for the first time at school.

Unfortunately we have had some unwelcome visitors in the animal enclosures which have resulted in a decline in our animal populations. Please help us look after our school property and speak up if you observe dogs in the garden without being on a leash. We would also appreciate people spreading the word that the garden produce is reserved for our kitchen garden program it is not a community garden where people help themselves.

Kirsty Trahar, Sharon Day & Lia Jordan
SENIOR STAFF



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RESOURCE CENTRE

BOOK WEEK 2017 "Escape to Everywhere"

Book Week will be celebrated in weeks five and six this term. The theme this year is 'Escape to Everywhere': a perfect theme as that it is what we do when we read - escape!

We are exploring the shortlisted books during library lessons this term and look forward to the Book of the Year announcements in week five.

The annual Book Week parade will be held on Friday, 25th August (week five), in the gym at 9.00am.

Students are invited to dress up as to where they would like to escape! Some ideas

- ★ escape to the past
- ★ escape to another country
- ★ escape to a fantasy land or as a fantasy creature
- ★ escape to the skies
- ★ escape to another culture
- ★ escape to the beach
- ★ escape to your favourite book
- ★ escape to space
- ★ escape to the world of dinosaurs
- ★ escape to medieval times
- ★ escape to your favourite shortlisted book
- ★ escape to the future

The possibilities are endless with the wonder of books. Please talk to resource centre staff if you would like ideas or have questions. And finally, this quote says it all ..

"Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are."

Mason Cooley

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge ends on Friday 8th September. Students can return completed forms to the resource centre. Any books read this year can be included on their form. Students are also able to look up their borrowing history on library computers. Our Premier's Reading display is filling up and we would love all students to have their 'bubble' on the display.



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STORIES IN FAIRYLAND

Our annual 'Stories in Fairyland' evenings will be held on Tuesday 29th August and Wednesday 30th August from 7.00pm to 8.00pm, in the resource centre. Please refer to the flier sent home in the last newsletter or collect one from the resource centre. This event is for reception to year three students. We have four surprise guest storytellers. Please RSVP via the tear off slip for catering purposes.

LOOSE PARTS

The resource centre is requiring nuts and bolts and other such items to use for Book Week activities during weeks five and six. We will use these to create artworks. If you have any to spare, please send them to the resource centre. Many thanks!

STORY DOGS

Since term two, we have been part of the 'Story Dogs' program, which assists students with reading. Unfortunately, due to personal circumstances, our story dogs are no longer able to continue the program. We thank our volunteers for their time and commitment to our students. They were well loved and we hope to continue this program again in the future. If you believe you have a dog which has the temperament to suit this program, and you have the time to commit, please phone Dee Schwarz (Story Dogs co-ordinator in Mount Gambier) on 0478 295 076. Please visit www.storydogs.org.au for more information.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION WEEK School Services Officers & Support Staff

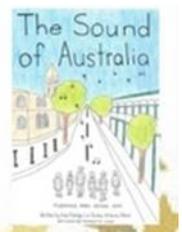
Week four is PSA/CPSU National Recognition Week for School Services Officers. The PSA/CPSU is the union representing school services. At McDonald Park School we are very fortunate to have a terrific team of support staff helping to care for and educate your children and run our school. We'd be lost without them. In recognition of their efforts our school hosted a morning tea on Tuesday, 15th August. Most parents will have met some of the support staff including:

Samantha Blackall, Jan Boyanton, Michelle Clark, Samantha Clarke, Anna Doll, Kristy Drage, Shiloh Fennell, Elaine Hart, Jill Lewis, Shane Lewis, Bernie Manser, Julie McKinnon, Clinton Meyer, Sue Moelder, Deb Neilson, Connie Nieto, Sonya Shepherd, Ev Stratman, Leigh Symons, Nicole Thompson, Linda Ward and Bronwyn Waters.

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Classes will be performing on the following evenings:

Tuesday, 19th September

Rooms 1, 7, 8, 10, A1, A3, T1, T2, T4, N1, N3, N5

Wednesday, 20th September

Rooms 2, 7, 9, 11, A2, A4, T3, T5, T6, N2, N4, N6

SAPSASA BASKETBALL

On Friday 4th August, I took two teams to district SAPSASA basketball at the Icehouse. We had another great day. All students did the school proud showing excellent sportsmanship. Unfortunately, there were a few stronger teams on the day and we didn't make it to the next level. I would like to thank Misty Dalton, Bec Cowland and Robbie Young for being coaches on the day. None of these events can happen without the support of parents.

Chris Couchman



CAN YOU HELP?

Do you have any of the following that you would be willing to loan us for our school musical?

- ★ jaw harp
- ★ wobble board
- ★ lager phone
- ★ bush bass
- ★ banjo
- ★ old school boom box



McPark's Innovation Fair

Next term we are running an innovation fair.

calling all
inventors

The challenge:

create a prototype of a machine with at least two moving parts. The machine must either:

help the environment or **help people** or **help animals**

This is a process you might like to use when planning your invention.

-  **Define** the problem that you are trying to solve (you may want to do some research about some problems or you may know of one already).
-  **Do** some brainstorming about your ideas.
-  **Decide** on which design is going to best meet the solution.
-  **Deliver and discuss** your design to others at "McPark's Innovation Fair".

Other information:

- You can use any materials you choose but we encourage you to think about recycling materials wherever possible.
- You can involve your family too!
- In week 10 of term 3, all entries will be invited to be part of the 'McPark's Innovation Fair'. For this, students will be asked to bring their brainstorming and designs they drew (so don't throw them out, they are important!).
- The school community will be invited to come in and see all the inventions.
- Prototypes will be judged on the way they meet the criteria and their innovative design.
- There will be prizes.

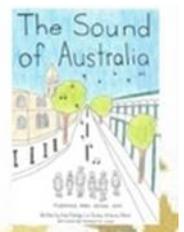
You will need:

-  **a growth mindset** (remember most designs and inventions take lots of time to get right, learn from your mistakes)
-  **an innovative and creative mindset** (no idea is a bad idea!)
-  **a what if...? mindset** (imagine the possibilities...)

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Canteen Book Week Meal Deals

Meal deals available for weeks five and six
21st August to 1st September

all \$6.00 each

all deals will include a frozen juice cup and a cookie



Escape to Jurassic Park
3 dino nugget box



Escape to the beach
3 fish finger box



Escape to Italy
spaghetti, lasagne or macaroni cheese



Escape to America
hotdog with cheese and sauce



Escape to Mexico
nachos

CELEBRATING SUCCESS AWARDS TERM 3, WEEK 2

Presented to	By	For
Chayse G	Mrs Dew	his enthusiasm in making many books during book making and at other times.
William C	Mrs Dew	his effort and achievement in measuring his desk using units such as pop sticks.
Oliver M	Mrs Cooper	working hard in all areas of the curriculum.
Lachlan B	Mrs Cooper	showing grit and effort when faced with challenges.
Mason A	Mrs Bisnov & Mrs Schleuniger	having a go at all tasks and displaying improvement in reading, spelling and writing.
Halle M	Mrs Bisnov & Mrs Schleuniger	your positive attitude to all learning tasks and your respectful manner towards others.
Elise B	Miss Eldridge	the conscientious way she approaches all tasks activities. She is a hard working student who displays a growth mindset.
Maggy D	Miss Eldridge	her enthusiastic participation in all tasks and activities. She always engaged in her learning and regularly participates in class discussions.
Joe B	Miss Hamilton	being a friendly class mate who is always eager to include others.
Beau S	Miss Schulz	actively participating during class learning and contributing valuable ideas towards our history topic.
Nate C	Miss Schulz	increased confidence towards his reading and willingness to have a go at reading unknown words.
Staria F	Mr Couchman	increased effort and focus in maths, leading to a better understanding of the concepts covered.
Hayley d N	Mr Couchman	great class citizenship; always willing to help out others during lessons.
Lachlan A	Mr Bigg	putting a lot of effort into learning the dance moves in our class piece for the school concert.
Maelee D	Mr Bigg	showing care and leadership towards her peers in helping them learn the dance moves in our class piece for the school concert.
Skarlette C	Mrs Aston	her excellent geography presentation on Sweden.
Selina C	Mrs Aston	her effort and desire to improve in all areas of learning.
Stevi C	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	eloquently and confidently sharing her passion for reptiles with N6 and N2.
Teesh Wi	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	infectious enthusiasm and positive commitment to learning.

CANTEEN HELPERS

Phone Michelle 87254221

Week Beginning	Mon 21 st Aug.	Mon 28 th Aug.
Monday	Jo	Jo
Tuesday	Lorraine	Lorraine
Wednesday	Krystal	Catherine
Thursday	Deb	Deb, Belinda
Friday	Deb, Bec	Deb, Jo



Congratulations to Tex T, Jazz C, James C, Lucy E who were winners in the Variety SA Club Bash colouring in competition. These children will attend the street parade of the Bash cars at the Main Corner on Saturday, 19th August where they will be presented with their prizes.

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