

# McDonald Park School

## NEWSLETTER

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### COMING EVENTS

WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
Swimming rooms 1, 2, 5	Assembly	Swimming room 6 21/02 Acquaintance Night Governing Council AGM

### WELCOME BACK

Welcome to the new school year of 2018. We hope that you have had a relaxing holiday break with your children and are ready for an excellent learning year. We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new families.

This year there are relatively few staff changes, consequently we look forward to a continuous focus on thriving in our learning. Please refer to the outline of staff detailing our personnel and their roles.

Last week as staff prepared for the new school year they continued their learning focus from last year as we worked collaboratively with Mulga Street and Suttontown schools to establish peer networks that will plan and moderate student work. Staff also participated in an interoception workshop as this will be a focus across the school. It is our aim to introduce students to activities that they can do that will increase their awareness of their bodies and how they are reacting during stressful and calm times. This in turn will lead to self regulation and improved learning outcomes for all students. Please talk to your child about the activities that they are doing in their classroom and find out more.

We strongly believe that a child's learning potential can best be achieved in partnership with families. One of the most powerful reinforcers of learning is to explain or teach one's learning to another. Sometimes students are not able to express their learning clearly and parents get the response that they have done nothing at school. We assure you that their day has been full of learning and hope that the following questions might help you to obtain more information about your child's day and also help to reinforce the learning as your child explains their learning to you.

What did you learn today (that you did not know before)? How do you know you have learned it?

What was the learning challenge that you worked on today? What did you learn from it? (This links with our work on growth mindset, highlighting that learning is supposed to involve stretch and challenge and mistakes are beneficial to learning.)

What feedback did you get from teachers today and how did you use the feedback? (Research shows that immediate feedback that moves learning forward is the most effective; part of the feedback cycle is for students to be reflective and act on that feedback.)

How did you go about your learning today? (Independently, in a group situation, direct instructions from the teacher or an inquiry of their own.)

Our vision is 'McDonald Park School community will work collaboratively to develop respectful, thriving and engaged problem solvers'. We believe that maintaining a strong focus on learning will assist us to achieve our vision, in partnership with you, your child's first educator.

**Kirsty Trahar, Sharon Day, Daniel Castle, Lia Jordan**  
**SENIOR STAFF**



## 2018 SCHOOL CARD SCHEME INFORMATION UPDATE

The School Card Scheme offers financial assistance with school fees (materials and services charges) for students attending government schools in that year.

Applications need to be completed via an application form at the beginning of each year. New for 2018 is an online application form option, available at [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au) under the heading Education and Learning then by selecting the Financial Help menu. Families with students attending multiple schools may find this option of benefit with only one online application required to be completed per family, as the information will automatically be sent to all government schools listed within the online application for processing.

Paper application forms are still available from the front office for families who prefer to complete their application this way and may be lodged with the school.

Eligibility for school card assistance is dependent upon the combined family gross income for the 2016-2017 financial year being within the following School Card income limits:

Number of Dependent Children	Gross Annual School Card Income Limit	Gross Weekly School Card Income Limit
1	\$57,870	\$1,113
2	\$58,903	\$1,133
3	\$59,936	\$1,153
4	\$60,969	\$1,173
5	\$62,002	\$1,193
Each additional dependent child	\$1,033	\$20

School Card eligibility thresholds for families have been increased considerably in 2018, and we encourage families that have previously not been eligible to review this table and apply in 2018 if they believe they will now be eligible.

More information on the School Card Scheme is available at :

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants>

or alternatively by contacting the school on 8724 9811 or in person at the front office.

## 2018 MATERIALS AND SERVICES INFORMATION

Invoices for 2018 materials and services (school) fees were posted in January to families, and are due in full by 28 February 2018. A payment plan option was included with the invoice, and if families would like to take advantage of this, the signed agreement and first instalment is due on 2 February 2018.

Payments may be made in person at the front office in cash, cheque or by credit card, over the phone by credit card or online by electronic funds transfer from your financial institution. McDonald Park School's bank account details for this are:

**Account name:** McDonald Park School  
**BSB:** 633-000  
**Account number:** 147553226  
**Reference:** Please use your family code or invoice number as a reference

If you have any further queries regarding school fees or would like to discuss payment options, please contact the Finance Officer, Julie on 8724 9811 or in person at the front office.

## 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, 21 February** between **5.00pm to 6.00pm**. This is a great opportunity to take a closer look and meet your child(ren)'s teacher(s). A **sausage sizzle** will be held between **6.00pm and 7.00pm** before the **Governing Council AGM at 7.30pm**. We hope to see you there.

*McDonald Park School community will work collaboratively to develop respectful, thriving and engaged problem solvers.*

## AGM

There are many ways in which parents and members of the school community can become involved in our school. Becoming a member of the Governing Council is one way that you can become involved in the school.

On Wednesday, 21 February 2018 at 7.30pm, we are holding our Annual General Meeting of the Governing Council. This is a great opportunity to hear what has been happening at our school and find out what the Governing Council has been involved in over the past year. It is also the time when we elect and organise our Governing Council for 2018.

What does a Governing Council member do?

You represent the views of members in the school community and encourage their participation. When the entire school community works together to support learning, children succeed, not just in school but throughout their lives.

The Governing Council:

- Provides a forum for parent, staff and student participation and decision making and ensures that the educational, social and cultural needs of the community are addressed.
- Plans for improvement in learning and wellbeing for all students through setting the values, vision, mission, site plan and local policies for our site.
- Allocates all of the resources available to the site to support the improvement of learning and wellbeing outcomes for all students.
- Monitors learning and wellbeing outcomes and reports annually to the site's community and the Minister of Education.
- Works collaboratively in the best interest of the site and its community.

Governing Council Sub-committees:

The Governing Council has the power to establish committees under its constitution.

We have sub-committees that give advice on finance and in the past, sport, buildings and grounds including the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and fundraising.

We welcome new parents and encourage you to become involved. It is a great opportunity to be a part of your child's education and influence at the decision making level. It is also a way of finding out more about teaching and learning programs. If you wish to nominate yourself or another parent please fill in the form below and return to school.

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### **MCDONALD PARK SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL**

I wish to nominate myself .....  
for Governing Council.

I have spoken to ..... and  
wish to nominate them for Governing Council.

Signed .....

## STUDENT PERSONAL DATA

With your newsletter today you will receive forms with your child's student personal data, talent consent form, general consent form and an internet code of conduct. Please check your child's personal information form carefully, make changes and return to school with completed consent forms as soon as possible.

## 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 to 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.

Parking is no longer permitted on the vacant private property in Boddington Court. We have been very lucky for the owners of the private property to have allowed us access to the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden for such a long time. As building will commence shortly, parents are asked to make alternate arrangements for collection and drop times and to no longer park vehicles on that private property. Thank you.

## BELL TIMES 2018

<b>8.55am</b>	School begins
<b>10.55am</b>	Recess - out to play
<b>11.25am</b>	Recess finishes
<b>1.05pm</b>	Lunch - out to play
<b>1.35pm</b>	Lunch finishes
<b>3.15pm</b>	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 post information for parents and caregivers on a regular basis.

Our newsletter can be accessed online at [http://www.mcpark7.sa.edu.au/whats\\_happening.htm](http://www.mcpark7.sa.edu.au/whats_happening.htm)

## WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES



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

Jarrah A, Karnack A, River A, Seth A, Harper A, Elise A, Miley A, Sasha B, Ryder B, Campbell B, Abbey B, Alexis B, Amber Brooks, Sophie C, Nicha C, Bailee C, Cruz C, Abby C, Tyler C, Jaxon C-F, Oliver D, Chaise D, Halle D, Jensen D, Phoenix F, Kate F, Maggie F, Connor G, Georgia G, Portia G, Charlie H, Hamish H, Zac H, River H, Susan H, Jayven J, Lily J, Seth J, Chelcy K, Ty K, Parker L, Zoe L, Harper L, Heidi L, Alanna L, Jake L, Cassidy L, Tyler M, Siara M, Taj M, Tayte M, Jessica M, Scarlett M, Alex M, Izabella N, Olivia P, Tahj P, Maddi R, Jett R, Aiden R, Arabella S-W, Logan S-W, Jordan S, Damon S, Kaden T, Alfie T, Ashton T, Marlei V, Braxton W, Bentley W, Karnall W-E, Kasey W, Sophie W, Andy W, Scarlet W.



## 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 \$23.00
- School bag \$60.00

## SETTING UP FOR SUCCESS

We 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.

Reminder to parents/caregivers to please return your child's report folder to the class teacher.

## MCDONALD PARK ACADEMIC AWARD WINNERS 2017

<b>Reception:</b>	Ariana E, Braith A
<b>Year 1:</b>	Genevieve A, Kai M
<b>Year 2:</b>	Swaye L, Bien J
<b>Year 3:</b>	Anikka M, Oliver M
<b>Year 4:</b>	Amelia H, Taj M
<b>Year 5:</b>	Ashriti S, Jack L
<b>Year 6:</b>	Maelee D, Jaime A
<b>Year 7:</b>	Gemma R, Aiden C

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

The Student Leadership team for 2018 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 2018 include: Lily D, Riley M, Layne B, Elijah S, Kayla F, Maelee D, Lachlan J. As a team they are looking forward to representing the school and putting some of their leadership ideas into practice.



## CANTEEN NEWS

A copy of the 2018 canteen price list is attached to this week's newsletter. Please note price changes. If you are able to volunteer in our busy canteen, please contact Michelle on 8725 4221.

## 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](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au).

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

## RESOURCE CENTRE

Students have been walking in to the resource centre this week with smiles, anticipating the prospect of discovering new books! They are all a little bit older and will be able to challenge themselves with their different reading choices this year.

Resource centre staff in 2018 are Suzanne Harding and Rosie Bronca (teacher librarians) and Nicole Thompson and Sue Moelder (SSOs).

Each class has a 30 minute lesson per week. Students will need:

- a library bag to protect books (cloth or plastic is fine)
- to return books borrowed the previous week.

Students can borrow the following number of books per week:

Receptions	2 books
Years 1 and 2	4 books
Years 3 and 4	5 books
Years 5, 6 and 7	6 books

*Extensions are made for students with musical instruments and so on.*

We look forward to a wonderful year of reading with your children.

### Resource Centre Staff

## REMINDERS

- **Hats and Uniforms** – in terms 1, 2 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.

### 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

COMMUNITY NEWS

**MSE JUNIOR FL**  
**2018 MSEFL JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT SERIES**



**Key activities over the 5 weeks:**

- > Improved skills > Understanding of fitness
- > Better understanding of the game
- > What it takes to succeed at a higher level
- > Teamwork/Mateship > Games/Play
- > Ball Handling > Group Challenges/Competitions

**All Junior MSEFL Players Welcome**

**5 Sunday sessions from Sunday 11th February - Sunday 11th March**



All MSEFL registered players, MSEFL coaches, team managers, parents welcome to attend.

12-14 year old's 10.00am - 12 noon (must be 12 prior to January 1st)  
 15-17.5 year old's 12.30pm - 2.30pm (Must be 15 prior to January 1st)

Cost: Early bird registration prior to 15th January \$45 for series  
 Normal registration \$55 for series.

Registrations and payment to be done online prior to the 1st session on 11th February.

Locations TBC.

**Register online at [www.MSEFL.com.au](http://www.MSEFL.com.au)**

Any enquiries contact Graham Dowie 0400 615 983 or email - [graham.dowie@spanlift.com.au](mailto:graham.dowie@spanlift.com.au)



**ME/CFS Awareness Night**

Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (commonly known as chronic fatigue syndrome) is a debilitating and confusing disease that affects the neurological, immune, endocrine, and energy metabolism systems.

**Time: 6:45-9pm March 1st**

**Venue: Main Corner Complex**

**Cost: Donation to**

**Millions Missing Campaign**

A young local will share her experience of living with ME before the award winning documentary "Unrest" with time for Q and A after the screening.

**Book the night in your diary or find the event page on Facebook!**

**For inquiries contact: [tadeak@hotmail.com](mailto:tadeak@hotmail.com)**

**ARE YOU KEEN TO PLAY FOOTY THIS YEAR?**



The South Gambier Junior Football Club invites all new players, born in 2010, and our current Under 12 and Under 13 players to attend our Training & Registration Day on Sunday February 18th at 10.30 am at BLSP.

Our junior coaches and senior players will conduct the training session.

**WOMEN'S SOCCER!**

**CONTACT wanderersfc@gmail.com 0431 299 021**

**ALL AGES! COME AND TRY!**

**BLUE LAKE SPORTS PARK**

**20/1 27/1**

**3/2 10/2**

**11am-12pm**

**TANTANOOLA FOOTBALL CLUB**

**2018 SEASON FAST APPROACHING**

**Junior Colt (Under 14) & Senior Colt (Under 17)**

**Training starts Thursday 1st March 5:00**

**\$25 Registration Fee (max \$50 per family)**

**All new players welcome**

**Enquiries Junior Colts Matt: 0427 526 501**

**Senior Colts Chris: 0478 146 283 or Bryce: 0481 144 619**

## OUR STAFF 2018

Room	Yr Level	Name	
	Principal	Kirsty Trahar	
	Deputy Principal	Sharon Day	
	Senior Leader	Daniel Castle	
	Student Wellbeing Leader	Lia Jordan	
	Ab Ed Teacher	Katherine Bundy	
<b>A1</b>	Foundation	Sue Wilson	
<b>A1/A2</b>	Foundation	Samantha Jansons	
<b>A2</b>	Foundation	Amy Pitkin	
<b>A3</b>	Foundation/Yr 1	Melissa McCracken	
<b>A4</b>	Foundation/Yr 1	Katelyn Squire	
<b>A5</b>	NIT	Sally Strachan	
<b>1</b>	Yr 1 /2	Deanne Spencer	
<b>1/2</b>		Karen Fox	
<b>2</b>	Yr 1 /2	Lydia Huitema	
<b>3</b>	NIT	Sonya Jolly	
<b>5</b>	Yr 1 /2	Rose Cooper	
<b>6</b>	Yr 1 /2	Trudi Dew	
<b>T1</b>	Yr 2/3	Kate Eldridge	
<b>T2</b>	Yr 3/4	Briony Schleuniger	
<b>T2</b>		Rosie Bronca	
<b>T3</b>	Yr 3/4	Carrie Bisnov	
<b>T4</b>	Yr 3/4	Laura Pratt	
<b>T5</b>	Yr 3/4	Ashleigh Hutchinson	
<b>T6</b>	Yr 2/3	Michelle Schulz	
<b>7</b>	Yr 5/6	Paul Bigg	
<b>8</b>	Yr 5/6	Andrew McGregor	
<b>9</b>	Yr 4/5	Shelley Boylan	
<b>9/10</b>		Daniel Castle	
<b>10</b>	Yr 5	Karen Mitchell	
<b>11</b>	NIT	Laura Britten	
<b>12</b>	NIT	Naomi Aston	
<b>13</b>	Special Programmes	Katherine Bundy	
<b>N1</b>	Yr 6/7	Chris Couchman	
<b>N2</b>	Yr 6/7	Michael Wilson	
<b>N3</b>	NIT	Sallyanne Morgan	
<b>N4</b>	Yr 6/7	Vanessa McLean	
<b>N5</b>	Yr 6/7	Erin Munday	
<b>N5</b>		Lia Jordan	
<b>N6</b>	Yr 6/7	Helen Widdison	
<b>N6</b>		Stacey Tilley	
<b>PRT</b>		Karl Box	
<b>Resource Centre</b>		Suzanne Harding	
		Rosie Bronca	
<b>SSO</b>	Bronwyn Waters		Linda Ward
	Samantha Clarke		Shane Lewis
	Julie McKinnon		Clinton Myer
	Evelyn Stratman		Jill Lewis
	Sue Moelder		Shiloh Fennell
	Nicole Thompson		Sonya Shepherd
	Jan Boyanton		Samantha Blackall
	Anna Doll		Leigh Symons
	Connie Nieto		Elaine Hart
<b>ACEO</b>	Bernie Manser		
<b>SWW</b>	Janey Soteriou		
<b>Canteen</b>	Michelle Clark/Deb Neilson		

## McDONALD PARK SCHOOL—TERM 1 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK 1</b>	29/1	30/1	31/1	1/2	2/2 Assembly
<b>WEEK 2</b>	5/2 Swimming rooms 1, 2, 5	6/2	7/2	8/2	9/2
<b>WEEK 3</b>	12/2	13/2	14/2	15/2	16/2 Assembly
<b>WEEK 4</b>	19/2 Swimming room 6	20/2	21/2 Acquaintance Night 5-6pm Sausage Sizzle 6-7pm Governing Council AGM 7pm	22/2	23/2
<b>WEEK 5</b>	26/2 Swimming room A3	27/2	28/2	1/3	2/3 Assembly
<b>WEEK 6</b>	5/3 Swimming T4, T5, A4, A1, A2	6/3	7/3	8/3	9/3
<b>WEEK 7</b>	12/3 Adelaide Cup	13/3 Swimming rms T2, 10, T3, R9	14/3	15/3	16/3 Assembly
<b>WEEK 8</b>	19/3 Swimming rooms T1, T6 Yr 6/7 Camp 1	20/3 Governing Council	21/3 Harmony Day Yr 6/7 Camp 2	22/3	23/3
<b>WEEK 9</b>	26/3 Swimming rooms T1, T6	27/3	28/3	29/3	30/3 Good Friday
<b>WEEK 10</b>	2/4 Easter Monday	3/4 Three Way Conferences	4/4 What's Happening To Us? Yrs 5 to 7 Family InfoKidzBizEd	5/4 Cricket Tournament	6/4
<b>Week 11</b>	9/4	10/4	11/4	12/4	13/4 Assembly Early dismissal 2.15pm