

McDonald Park School

NEWSLETTER

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GENEROSITY - RESPECT - HONESTY - LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER

COMING EVENTS

| WEEK 6 | WEEK 7 | WEEK 8 |
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| Swimming rooms T4, T5, A4, A1, A2 | 12/03 PUBLIC HOLIDAY Adelaide Cup Swimming rooms T2, T3, 9, 10 Assembly | Swimming rooms T1, T6 19/03 to 21/03 Yr 6/7 camp (rooms N2, N4, N5) 21/03 Harmony Day 21/03 to 23/03 Yr 6/7 camp (rooms N1, N6 & Yr 6's from rooms 7 & 8) |

LITERACY & NUMERACY

Late in 2017, the Government of South Australia announced that they would be funding a new literacy and numeracy initiative titled: Literacy and Numeracy First. This Literacy and Numeracy First funding is to assist schools in designing learning for literacy and numeracy improvement. As you will see below, the funding is not just for students who are not showing improvement or students who are already achieving at a high level.

The initiative specifically targets students:

- Not meeting the DECD standards of education achievement
- Demonstrating low or no growth
- Requiring support to maintain progress and achievement in the higher bands

How are we using the funding to improve students achievement in literacy and numeracy?

1. We are directing funding to professional development for our teachers including 7 Steps of Writing (literacy) and Di Seimon (numeracy). Also, in May we are sending four teachers to the Hawker Brownlow conference in Melbourne. In total, our teachers will attend 12 different sessions over the two day conference. These sessions will cover aspects of learning such as feedback, engagement, creativity, reflective thinking, authentic learning experiences, assessment and collaborative learning. The strategies and learning that teachers gain from these sessions are then shared with the whole teaching staff.
2. Our teachers will be released to work collaboratively in teams. Each of our teacher teams has a focus they are working on together and will be planning and designing literacy and numeracy assessment together. Teams of teachers will also work together to moderate work samples to maintain consistency across classes.
3. Intervention programs we currently have in place for literacy are phonological awareness, MiniLit and MultiLit. In numeracy we have the QuickSmart intervention program and another numeracy intervention program for numeracy will be started in the coming weeks. Each of the intervention programs mentioned above run three times a week, for half an hour with small groups of students. We are lucky to have highly skilled SSOs running each of these programs which have been very successful in raising literacy and numeracy achievement.

Overall, we are continuing our whole school focus on **quality teaching, stretch and transfer** in all classes. This ensures that all our students are supported in their learning and opportunities are provided for students who are ready to take their learning further.

We look forward to working in partnership with families to assist each of our students in meeting their learning goals.

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



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

RIDE 2 SCHOOL DAY

This year our school is holding **Ride2School Day** on Friday, 16 March (week seven). The Ride2School initiative is encouraging and enabling physical activity for young Australians. Over the past 40 years the number of children who are physically active every day has significantly dropped. Today, levels of physical activity are at an all time low. In the 1970s, eight out of ten students rode or walked to school. Today, that number has dropped to just two out of ten.

Mrs Morgan will start the Ride2School Day at the reserve on the corner of Houston Drive and Oakridge Crescent at 8.00am.

There will be pick up zones along the way, but students can join in anywhere along the way.

8.15am **Don McDonnell Reserve**
8.30am **North Terrace**
(opposite the Conroe shops)

The same route will be taken on the way home from school. Younger students will need to be met by an adult before they are free to go.



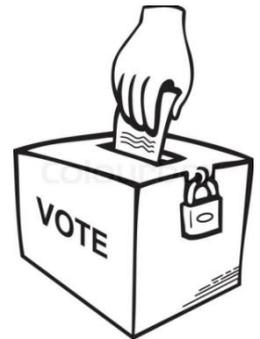
3.30pm **leave school**
3.45pm **North Terrace**
4.00pm **Don McDonnell Reserve**
4.15pm **corner of Houston Drive and Oakridge Crescent**

Parent helpers will be needed and much appreciated for the ride to and from school.

ELECTION 2018 - BARBECUE FUNDRAISER - HELP NEEDED!

McDonald Park will once again be hosting the South Australian state election polling station. This will be held from 7.00am to 7.00pm on Saturday, 17th March in our Stephanie Alexander kitchen.

We will be holding a fundraiser for the day, including bacon and egg sandwiches in the morning, sausages later in the day and cakes and slices in the afternoon.



We are seeking donations of the following items, to be dropped off at school on Friday, 16th March.

- eggs
- cakes, slice, muffins etc

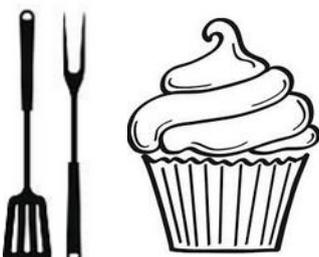
We are also seeking volunteers to help out on the stall, with cooking or serving, if enough people volunteer, we envisage one hour shifts would be possible. We encourage all members of our school community to join in. Why not put in an hour or so when you come along to vote?

If you are able to help with donations of time or goods, please fill in the slip below and return it to school as soon as possible. A reminder that goods are to be dropped off on the day prior to the event. Please clearly label food items and ingredients used. Thank you.

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Name: _____ Child's name and room: _____

I can help with donations of the following items: _____



I can help on the stall during the following time slots: (one hour shifts)

- early morning (between 7.00am setup and 10.00am)
- late morning (between 10.00am to 12.00pm)
- early afternoon (between 12.00pm to 3.00pm)
- late afternoon (between 3.00pm and 5.00pm)

THANK YOU!

Last Friday, David Burt from Rotary Mount Gambier West presented Joe from room N1 with an iPad Pro. Rotary's generous donation will help Joe with his learning throughout his schooling.

Thank you Rotary Mount Gambier West!



CATERING CLUB

Introducing the Catering Club for 2018.



Back: Layne B, Chloe D, Bella S, Sophie J, Zoe C, Ashlee G
Front: Emelie W, Lily D, Riley M, Ella B, Chloe M

This year's Catering Club is comprised of eleven year 6/7 students. They will be working under the guidance of Mrs Morgan.

As in previous years they will be working together to cater for visitors attending the school.

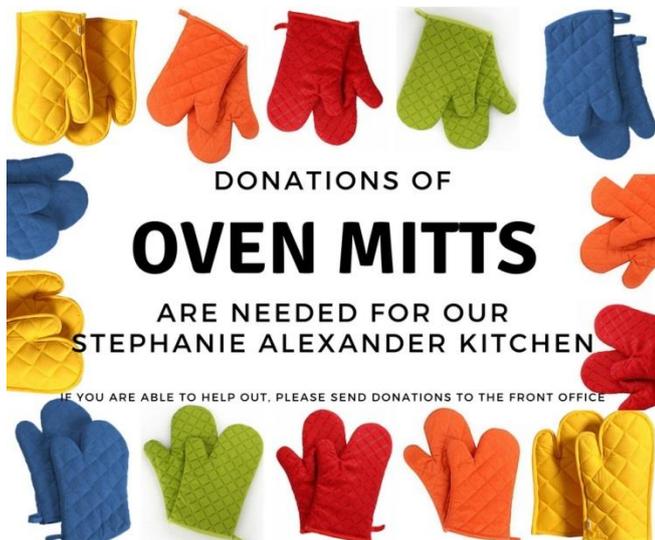
Added to their program this year they will also be creating special items to celebrate events during the year. Events such as Easter, Pancake Day and Christmas among others which will be included in these occasions.

Together with Mrs McCracken's foundation/year one class they will be making some goodies to sell at the Family Fun Day in term two.

Keep an eye on this space for Catering Club specials available for purchase at recess and lunch soon.

CAPE BRIDGEWATER YEAR 6/7 CAMP

With only three weeks until camp, a reminder to parents that **payment in full** is due by **Friday, 9th March**.



McPark's Catering Club is making

hot cross buns

FRUIT, PLAIN, CHOCOLATE CHIP

Monday, 26th March

\$1.00 each

available lunch time from the kitchen

RESOURCE CENTRE

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge has begun! Students will bring forms home after their library lessons this week.

Students need to read, and record, 12 books they have read this year. They need to include the book title, author and an adult's signature for each book on the form.

Once completed, the form can be handed to resource centre staff.

The Premier's Reading Challenge ends 7th September. A special assembly will be held in November to present the certificates and medals.

Secondary students, who have left our school, can still continue the challenge through their new school library or by downloading the 'home education or individual student' form on the *parents and families* section on the website. Certificates and medals will be sent to the new school, or to your home, as specified by you on the form.

<http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/prc/pages/home>

The challenge can be continued until all certificates and medals have been awarded or until year 12.



COMMUNITY NEWS

SOUTH EAST DARTS ASSOCIATION INC

Junior League - ages 8 to 18 years, boys and girls

Venue: RSL

Date: Wednesday, 28th February
6.30pm to 9.00pm

Cost: \$3.00 per child per night

Come and try a great new sport!

Contact Tania Charman 0404 787 152 or

Des West 0427 439 660 for more information.

PURPLE THUNDER CHEARLEADING



Help support our teams represent Mount Gambier at State and National championships.

Oatmill Cinema Complex
25th March at 2.15pm
All tickets \$15.00 (includes a lolly bag and pop top drink)

Tickets can be purchased via our Facebook page or email @purplethundercheerleading or ptcheer5290@gmail.com

@prettyhighbows will be available to purchase on the day - \$5, \$10, \$15 cheer bows

CELBRATIG SUCCESS AWARDS TERM 1, WEEK 3

| Presented to | By | For |
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| Aaliyah P | Miss Eldridge | always striving to do her best and improve her understanding. |
| Maiah A | Miss Eldridge | her willingness to embrace challenges and persist when things become difficult. |
| Zoe W | Mrs Schleuniger & Mrs Bronca | being a caring and respectful class member who works diligently to complete activities. |
| Riley F | Mrs Schleuniger & Mrs Bronca | his enthusiasm and participation in all class discussions and activities. |
| Rhys G | Mrs Bisnov | getting organised quickly at the start of the day. |
| Lachlan B | Mrs Bisnov | displaying persistence and stamina during free writing time. |
| Macy W | Miss Pratt | being a fantastic role model for her peers. |
| Peniana C | Miss Pratt | always following instructions and putting in effort during all learning tasks. |
| River A | Miss Hutchinson | being a kind, helpful and generous class member. |
| Avah C-T | Miss Hutchinson | being a respectful class member who helps others in the classroom. |
| Sophie C | Miss Schulz | putting in effort into all learning tasks and actively contributing during class discussions. |
| Alex K | Miss Schulz | his determination to put more effort into his work. |
| Nikki C | Mr Couchman | being an excellent class citizen; always working hard and willing to help and work with others. |
| Makere C | Mr Couchman | consistent effort in all learning and a willingness to work well with others. |
| Connor G | Mr Wilson | excellent work and fitting in so well to a new school. |
| Lara M | Mr Wilson | constant excellent work and keeping focus in class. |
| Jamison B | Mrs McLean | effectively putting his best effort into every task, incorporating feedback and independently finding solutions to problems. |
| Kayla F | Mrs McLean | working effectively with collaborative situations and producing her best effort with all work samples. |
| Heath S | Ms Munday & Mrs Jordan | being an engaged and supportive participant in our class. |
| Chloe D | Ms Munday & Mrs Jordan | eagerly joining in discussions, supporting her peers and being a strong role model within the school. |
| Riley M | Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley | being an active leader in learning tasks and through his encouragement of others. |
| Luke R | Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley | employing a growth mindset and enjoyment of a challenge in maths. |