

# McDonald Park School

## NEWSLETTER

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### COMING EVENTS

WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5
	17/08 Assembly	All Week – Book Week 21/08 Governing Council meeting 21/08 & 22/08 School photos 24/08 – Book Week Assembly

### NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC week is held nationally from 8-15 July. It is a time to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC stands for National Aboriginal Islander Day Observance Committee. Each year, NAIDOC week has a theme. This year's theme was, **because of her we can** and focused on important contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have made and continue to make to our nation. In our local community there are always events held to celebrate NAIDOC week. These events are for everyone.

During week 10 of term 2, some classes learnt about some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. The students learnt about and discussed how these women have contributed to our nation and in groups, considered some questions they might ask them. Read below and see if you know of or have heard of these people.

**Linda Burney**- The first Aboriginal woman to be elected into the House of Representatives.

**Miranda Tapsill**- an actress, dancer and singer who selects roles to represent Aboriginal women in Australian history.

**Cathy Freeman**- an Olympian who went on to set up her own foundation that supports Indigenous children in literacy and numeracy.

**Nova Peris**- a hockey player and the first Aboriginal person to win gold in the Olympics. She later competed in the Commonwealth and Olympic games in sprints. Nova Peris then became a politician in the Australian Senate.

**Gladys Elphick**- Was the founding president of the Council of Aboriginal Women of South Australia, she worked to raise the status of Indigenous people in the community. She campaigned for the yes vote in the 1967 referendum

**Rosalie Kunoth-Monks**- was the first Aboriginal woman to have a lead role in a film. She then went on to work in Aboriginal affairs and worked towards equality for all.

We are pleased to announce that Bernie Manser, our Aboriginal Community Education Officer received a NAIDOC award this year. Bernie works within our community to support families and students at McDonald Park School. She is always working hard to ensure students are successful and achieve their best. Congratulations Bernie!

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



McDonald Park School is celebrating 50 years in 2019.  
We are looking to form a committee, if you are interested, please contact the office,  
08 8724 9811.



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

## ATTENDANCE

Below is a graph showing the attendance percentage for each year level so far. I have also added data outlining what days off of school mean for your child/s learning every year. McDonald Park School's attendance target is 95% for everyone.

Attendance record									
McDonald Park Schools attendance target is 95%									
	Foundation	Year 1	Year2	Year3	Year4	Year5	Year6	Year7	Whole school
Week 10	93.6%	92.3%	95.2%	94.0%	93.3%	94.4%	93.1%	92.2%	93.5%
Week 1	92.9	92.9%	94.8%	93.5%	92.7%	93.8%	92.9%	91.8%	93.0%

If a child misses	that equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of school that's...
<b>1 day per fortnight (90% attendance)</b>	<b>19 days per year</b>	<b>≈ 4 weeks per year</b>	<b>Nearly 1½ years</b>
<b>1 day per week (80% attendance)</b>	<b>38 days per year</b>	<b>≈ 8 weeks per year</b>	<b>Over 2½ years</b>
<b>2 days per week (60% attendance)</b>	<b>76 days per year</b>	<b>≈ 16 weeks per year</b>	<b>Over 5 years</b>
<b>3 days per week (40% attendance)</b>	<b>days per year</b>	<b>≈ 24 weeks per year</b>	<b>Nearly 8 years</b>

## COORONG PROPOSALS

In geography and inspired by reading Storm Boy, students in rooms N4, N5 and N6 studied the state of the Coorong. Their final project was to bring together all they knew about the geography, how the area has been used in the past and present and the current environmental issues impacting on the area and devise a proposal that would provide a solution to improve, conserve and sustain the area. Students were selected to present some of their proposals to Dave New of Natural Resource Management.



## RESOURCE CENTRE *Annie's Story*

Mrs Harding was fortunate to host a special author on the first day of term in the resource centre. We recently purchased a new book 'Annie's Story – growing up strong on Boandik country' written by Boandik elder, Aunty Michelle Jacquelin-Furr. Reception and Year 1 students from A3 were the audience.

'Annie's Story' showcases Boandik country as a land steeped in dreaming stories, hunting gathering, cultural protocols, traditions and way of living. Students were taken on a journey to understand what life was like for Boandik people in the past. 'Annie's Story' is a true story of a Boandik girl living in the 1800's in Penola and Mount Gambier.



## SAPSASA HOCKEY

From Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of June to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June, I participated in SAPSASA hockey. We played 10 games of hockey altogether. My team, Lower South East, only had five goals scored against us. Lower South East scored over twenty goals, which I scored four of. Out of our 10 games we drew three games, won six of our games and lost one to the top team, East Adelaide. Overall we came second by three points. SAPSASA was such a great experience. **Lily D**



On 25<sup>th</sup> June until 29<sup>th</sup> June, I represented Lower South East SAPSASA hockey team. All up we played 10 games, won six games, and had three draws and one loss. I had a great time with a great team of girls. I got to experience new positions. Overall I had fun with the team. **Zoe C**

In week 9 of term 2, I went up to Adelaide for SAPSASA Hockey. We played 10 games during the week; we won 8 and drew 2. On Thursday after our 4 games for that day we all went to the beach house then out for dinner with the team.

At the end of the week we came 2<sup>nd</sup> by 1 point. It was a fun experience and I'm sure to do it again next year.

**Jack L**

## SAPSASA SOCCER



I competed in the SAPSASA Soccer State Carnival from the 5<sup>th</sup> of June to the 9<sup>th</sup> in Adelaide. Mum and I drove up on the Sunday night and we stayed in a caravan park next to the soccer ovals. We played 10 and came 2<sup>nd</sup> in our division. Our coach, Sam,

was great and I played centre back, left back, right back, goal keeper and right wing for half a game (when I scored 1 goal). The games were 20 minute halves. It didn't rain. (Yes!) It was a great experience and after a win I felt so elated. **Jakob Hann**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of June I went up to Adelaide to play SAPSASA Soccer. During SAPSASA Soccer the Lower South East team (my team) played 10 games. We won 7, drew 2 and lost 1. We ended up runners-up and Barker ended up taking the victory. Everyone that was there more than likely had a great time, including myself and my entire team. While I was there the others and I did lots of other things. Such as having dinner at the Watermark and getting to buy clothes like jumpers and shirts that were at the sports stores that were on the pitches. **Jack Spark**

## SCHOOL PAYMENT REMINDER

When making direct to bank payments to the school bank account please remember to include a reference for your payment to ensure your payment is applied correctly and promptly. The reference may be your family code, invoice number or family/student name. The school bank account details to make direct payments are:

**BSB:** 633-000

**ACCOUNT:** 147553226

**NAME:** McDonald Park School

Your family code and invoice number are printed on invoices and statements. Alternatively you may use your child's name.

## ANNUAL BLOCK NETBALL TOURNAMENT

On the last day of term two the block classes took to the court in the second annual Block Netball Tournament. The weather wasn't looking great but as the day went by the rain held off allowing the tournament to proceed.

Classes were split into a boys' team and a girls' team and competed against teams of their gender. The games comprised of two seven minute halves in which classes faced off against each other with Mount Gambier High School students umpiring.

In the preliminary rounds all five classes had the opportunity to compete against each other. For the girls this made it clear who the top two teams to face off in the grand final would be. While the boys' was a much closer affair, having to work out percentages of goals for and against to find the two teams that make the play off. The block girls' final brought N1 and N5 to the court which began in a tight tussle until N1 inched away and won the game 10-5.

N5 and N6 hit the court for the block boys final. The game was goal for goal until the final whistle, leaving the scoreboard reading 5-4. N6 took the one goal win and the championship for the second year running.



## CELEBRATING SUCCESS AWARDS TERM 2, WEEK 10

Presented to	By	For
Tahlia M	Mrs Spencer & Mrs Fox	Showing her initiative during learning opportunities and using her dispositions, especially co-operation and determination.
Max K	Mrs Spencer & Mrs Fox	His growing confidence in writing. His strong mindset to keep persisting until completion.
Abbey J	Ms Huitema & Mrs Fox	Her ability to self regulate when she feels anxious and her enthusiasm towards learning.
Bodey M	Ms Huitema & Mrs Fox	His excellent work with our problem solving activities in measurement.
Jayden B	Mrs Cooper	Being persistent and improving his reading and completing his 'caterpillar' words.
Ella D	Mrs Cooper	Consistently striving to improve her work and complete all tasks to a high standard.
Adelle W	Mrs Dew	Grand champion of room 6's sumo competition.
Jack A	Mrs Dew	Champion of room 6's sumo competition.
Jacob C	Mrs Dew	Champion of room 6's sumo competition.
Cooper T	Mrs Morgan	Showing great sportsmanship during PE lessons.
Bailee D	Mrs Morgan	Constantly trying and improving in all sports during PE.
Imogen M	Mr McGregor	Being a consistent respectful and engaged student.
Jeff Davis	Mr McGregor	Always showing commitment to his learning and always giving 100%.
Yasmine C	Mrs Boylan & Mr Castle	Her great work in maths. Her confidence continues to grow as she challenges herself.
Jazz C	Mrs Boylan & Mr Castle	Always being a kind and respectful class member and for showing commitment across all learning areas.
Brianna S	Ms Mitchell & Mr Castle	The effort she applies to doing her best. Brianna has been acknowledged by the class with her election into SRC of her respect for others.
Lucy B	Ms Mitchell & Mr Castle	All the wonderful things she contributes to the class and for how she challenges herself with her learning by doing extra tasks.
Izabella N	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Jansons	A focused and generous class member who is gaining in her confidence when trying new experiences.

Heidi L	Mrs Wilson & Mrs Jansons	Her positivity and curiosity. Heidi is full of wonderings and loves to share these with class mates and teachers.
Tyron C	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Jansons	Constantly striving to always do his best and having a go at all tasks.
Kasey W	Mrs Pitkin & Mrs Jansons	Always displaying perseverance in her learning. She is kind and respectful of others and is a good role model.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Anglican Church Fair

Bay Road Mount Gambier (opposite Banner Miter 10)

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm**

Lots of stalls and entertainment for everyone.

**Stalls include:** Plants, Craft, Produce, Cakes, Books, Trash 'n' Treasure, BBQ and Devonshire Morning Tea.

**Features:** 9am -11am Luck Spin, 11am Wine Auction

**Entertainment:** 9am – Buskers, 10:30am – Mt Gambier City Band, 11:30am –James Morrison Musicians

**And for the children:** Steam Train, Merry Go Round, toys and Games, Mystery Trail bags, Face Painting, Lucky Dips and Outdoor Games. Meet 'Poppy Panda' and 'Bo Bo Clown' at around 10:30am.

### Parents in Education Week

Free expert sessions for parents. Behaviours for learning and wellbeing skills for life. Learn how to help your child to develop behaviours to be their best.

28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Adelaide Entertainment Centre, Star Room. Program details and registration at

[www.education.sa.gov.au/pieweek](http://www.education.sa.gov.au/pieweek)

### SA DENTAL SERVICE – Keep your kids smiling!

Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, pre-school and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics.

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider. More information at [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sadental](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sadental)

### Sensory Soothing – South East Mobility Equipment

**120 Penola Road , Mount Gambier**

We have a fantastic range of sensory products available for children or adults that require that little extra assistance when they become agitated, anxious or nervous, scared or excited. Come in and have a chat with one of the friendly team or give us a call on (08)87 259911.

**AUGUST YOUTH PROGRAM**  
at the Mount Gambier Library

**When:** Tuesdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm  
**Where:** Mount Gambier Library  
**Age:** 12 years old and over  
**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

**7 August / Draw Manga!**  
A chance to explore the world of art through drawing Manga. Local artist Susie will take you through some basic steps to help you design a self-portrait, Manga style!

**14 August / Bounce in with headspace**  
To celebrate National Science Week bounce into 'Meet, Chat and Do' with headspace for a science inspired activity.

**21 August / Chill Out Hour!**  
Come and chill out with your friends where you will be treated to the exciting world of Anime on our big screen. PLUS try your hand at getting creative with badge making and watercolour art.

**28 August / Make-Up Tips and Tricks with Katie Fox**  
A look and learn session with local make-up artist, Katie Fox. An opportunity to experience how Katie can turn a day look into a smokey eye night look.

**BOOKINGS:**  
Please contact Mount Gambier Library  
tel (08) 8721 2540 or online  
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