

McDonald Park School

NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4
07/02 Assembly 9.00am	14/02 PUPIL FREE DAY	19/02 Acquaintance night 5.30pm to 6.30pm Governing Council AGM 7.00pm 21/02 Assembly 9.00am

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to the school year of 2020. We hope that you have had a lovely holiday with your children and are ready to embark on a year of learning and engagement.

This year we welcome Maddy Teakle (backfilling Karen Fox for Amy Pitkin), Conor Wingard (middle primary health), Chris Long (music/drama), Michael Stojanovich (student support), Katherine Schofield (student support).

'Lead learners' will once again support teachers in establishing beginning of this year routines with a clear focus on learning and positive work habits being implemented. This group of exemplary students have been working collaboratively with Sharon Day to develop a series of lessons that they will deliver to all classes. Through this approach we hope to raise awareness of our school vision, increase student voice and engagement.

The professionalism and commitment of staff at McDonald Park School is extremely high. As a senior leader team we appreciate the thought, creativity, combined planning and organization that staff have engaged in throughout the holidays to prepare quality and engaging programs. Throughout this year staff will be involved in a professional learning program titled 'Visible Learning'. This program is intended to be a three year program that focuses specifically on improving the quality of teacher practice in order to make learning visible for students. It complements our vision for students. It complements our vision and the future directions of our school. Two pupil free days each year will be devoted to this program. The first one being **Friday, 14 February**. Additional staff meeting time and professional learning time will also be used.

Assemblies have returned to a Friday morning time slot. These will be held on even weeks of the terms. The first one being Friday, 7 February.

We would like to invite you to our Acquaintance and AGM night on Wednesday, 19 February. Classes will open from 5.30pm to 6.30pm, providing an opportunity for families to meet class teachers and find out a little more about the learning that is specific to that class. A sausage sizzle will be available during this time. Our Annual General Meeting will follow at 7.00pm. Please consider attending this annual general meeting to hear about our achievements for 2019 and if interested in representing parents as part of the council.

We are looking forward to a 'thriving' year of learning and working in tandem with you the community to achieve that.

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.

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, 19 February** between **5.30pm to 6.30pm**. 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 **5.30pm and 7.00pm** before the **Governing Council AGM at 7.00pm**. We hope to see you there.

2020 SCHOOL CARD SCHEME INFORMATION UPDATE

The School Card scheme offers financial assistance with school fees (materials and services charges) for students attending South Australian schools.

Applications need to be completed via an application form at the beginning of each year.

Online application forms are available at www.sa.gov.au by searching school card. Families with students attending multiple schools may find this option of benefit with only one online application required to be completed per family.

Paper application forms are 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 your combined family gross income for the 2018-2019 financial year being within the School Card income limits:

Number of dependent children	Gross annual income limit	Gross weekly income limit
1 child	\$60,264	\$1,159
2 children	\$61,340	\$1,180
3 children	\$62,416	\$1,201
4 children	\$63,492	\$1,222
5 children	\$64,568	\$1243
More than 5 children	Add \$1,076 for each dependent child	Add \$21 for each dependent child

We encourage families to review this table and apply as soon as possible if they believe they will be eligible in 2020.

More information on the School Card Scheme is available at www.sa.gov.au by contacting the school on 8724 9811 or in person at the front office.

2020 MATERIALS AND SERVICES INFORMATION

Invoices for 2020 materials and services (school) fees were posted in January to families, and are due in full by 28 February 2020. 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 31 January 2020.

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 or by using the mobile payment app Qkr!.

McDonald Park School's bank account details for payment via electronic funds transfer are:

Account name: McDonald Park School
BSB: 633-000
Account number: 147553226
Reference: Please use your family code or invoice number as a reference when making payments via EFT.

The mobile payment app Qkr! Is free to download from either Google Play for your android device or the Apple Store for your Apple device.

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.

CORONA VIRUS

SA Health has provided advice to us about corona virus, which is occurring in the Hubei Province in China and has also been reported in other parts of mainland China, and several other countries.

Their advice is that (students OR children) who have travelled to mainland China, including those that have travelled to Hubei Province, are able to return to school unless they are close contacts of a confirmed case, or they have symptoms consistent with the virus. This is described in more detail in the fact sheets from the Australian Government Department of Health for:

- schools and early childhood centres
<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-information-for-schools-and-early-childhood-centres>
- parents
<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/novel-coronavirus-information-for-parents>

Those symptoms may include: fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, and sore throat.

All students and staff who have travelled to mainland China, and especially Hubei Province, should monitor themselves for the 14 days from their departure from mainland China for symptoms of corona virus.

The latest advice is available on the Australian Government Department of Health website.

<https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

We will keep you updated if there is further specific information you need to know.

STUDENT PERSONAL DATA

Earlier this week you would have received forms with your child's student personal data, talent consent form, general consent form, internet code of conduct and a newsletter request form. Please check your child's personal information form carefully, make changes and return to school with completed consent forms as soon as possible.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Unfortunately, due to the construction of the new Community and Recreation Hub, no swimming lessons will be held this year.



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

MOBILE Qkr! APP



If you use Qkr!, you will need to update your child's details at the beginning of every year to show their new year level and room number.

Open the Qkr! app, then select the profiles page to display the manage profiles screen. You will need to enter your password to access this. Select your child, then change their year level and room number via the drop down options. Click update profile to save changes.

If you would like to get started using Qkr! please refer to the details below for instructions on how to get started.

Qkr! | **masterpass** For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced 'quicker') by Mastercard, the secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone at a time and place that suits you.

With Qkr! you can:

- Pay for a variety of school items;
- See your receipts on the app and get them sent by email if required.

Getting started is easy - try it yourself today

Step 1 Download Qkr!
on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app

Step 2 Register
Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school
Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children
When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Search for our school name

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. This includes the grass area of neighbouring homes.

Thank you.

BELL TIMES 2020

8.55am	School begins
10.55am	Recess - out to play
11.25am	Recess finishes
1.05pm	Lunch - out to play
1.35pm	Lunch finishes
3.15pm	Dismissal

RESOURCE CENTRE

Welcome to 2020 in the resource centre. We look forward to another year of fabulous reading, inquiry learning and library events.

Library staff this year are:

Suzanne Harding (teacher librarian)
Nicole Thompson (SSO)
Sue Moelder (SSO)

We are grateful for the support of volunteers whose help assist our resource centre in being organised and progressive, which in turn benefits student learning.

Students will have a 30 minute borrowing session per week. We ask that all students bring library bags (cloth or plastic) to protect books. Please encourage your child to return books to the library each week on their library day. If you find books at home, these can also be returned to school. Thank you for your support.

We welcome parents and caregivers into the library before school, or at other times that suit you.

Please see library staff if you have questions. We look forward to seeing you soon!

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

The Student Leadership team for 2020 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 2020 include: Tex T, Mia C, Isabella S, Noah M, Jace M and Tully L. As a team they are looking forward to representing the school and putting some of their leadership ideas into practice.

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES



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

Dominic A, Storm A, Noah A, Piper B-L, Chloe B, Annika B, Braxton B, Imogen B, Lylah B, Theodore B, Van B, Imogen C, Braxton C, Mailey C, Archie C, Baylei C-F, Jaxon C-F, Jackson D, Fletcher D, Jayda D, Sienna D, Ruby D, Sophie D, Tyler D, Oliver E, Cayley E, Brooklyn F, Maton F, Amelia F, Cadence F, Mikaela F, Malekai G, Brayse G, Eli H, Angus H, Molly H, Anna H, Mollie H, Piper J, Clifton J, Teresa L-J, Mason L, Annie L, Casey L, Aria-Lee M, Jamieson M, Marli M, Hamish M, Braxton M, Hanna M, Kieran N, Bruce N, Melissa N, Mercy O, Millie P, Harmony P, Zaphira P, Caleb P, Nash P, Kace P, Maximos P, Michael R, Bree R, Imogen S-W, Sammy S, Charlie S, Matilda S, Matilda St, Delilah S, Owen W, Ariella W, Fletcher W, Blake W and Max Y.



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MCDONALD PARK ACADEMIC AWARD WINNERS 2019

Foundation:	Alexis R, Logan M
Year 1:	Elsie A, Bentley W
Year 2:	Ariana E, Braith A
Year 3:	Genevieve A, Joshua H
Year 4:	Emily A, Cohen M
Year 5:	Jazz C, Riley F
Year 6:	Mia C, Jace M

MCDONALD PARK ACADEMIC AWARD RUNNER UP 2019

Foundation:	Harlow D, Benji R
Year 1:	Abbey B, Taj M
Year 2:	Bernice T-T, Bodey M
Year 3:	Carey G, Kai M
Year 4:	Lucy E, Ben H
Year 5:	Lillyana S, Levi S
Year 6:	Isabella S, Taj M

MCDONALD PARK ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT AWARD 2019

Foundation:	Charlotte B
Year 1:	Kate F
Year 2:	Kade H
Year 3:	Lucas M
Year 4:	Xavier F
Year 5:	Tyler M
Year 6:	Zoey N

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

CANTEEN NEWS

A copy of the 2020 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.

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

REMINDERS

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

REMINDERS cont.

- **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** - DfE 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

MJ DANCE STUDIO

Recreational hip hop, boys only, jazz and acrobatic classes start back at MJ Dance Studio next week. There are classes suitable for the complete beginner right through to the advanced. Classes start from \$8.50 for a 3/4 hour class. The classes are great for fitness, meeting new friends, self confidence and creativity. Great payment plans and discounts for multiple classes. No competitions. No sewing costumes. Text Maria on 0439 872 309 to book in or for more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

MOUNT GAMBIER LIBRARY & 104.9 LIME FM PRESENTS
GROOVEBOX
Cutting edge music maker

Mondays
4:00pm - 4:30pm / 4:30pm - 5:00pm

Make beats and tracks with Novation Circuit - Grid based Groovebox. Explore, experiment and experience music making with these modern machines.

Suitable for beginners or more accomplished musicians.

Kindly sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Recommended for ages 12 to 15 years. Bookings essential.

City of Mount Gambier | 104.9 Lime FM | Mount Gambier Library
6 Watson Terrace, Mount Gambier SA 5290 (08) 8721 2540
www.mountgambier.sa.gov.au/library



Tonique Studio

Callisthenics/Dance/Hip Hop/Flex & Stretch/Cheerleading (Promo Team)

Our studio offers instruction in the above dance styles for competition and fun students. We also offer solo and duo tuition. All our coaching team are fully qualified, and we accept sports vouchers.

Registration Day
Sunday 2nd February 2020
10.00am - 12.00pm
AT THE GLENBURNIE RACECOURSE

Enquiries to 0438 255 576 - 0407 809 714
Find us on Facebook and Instagram

OUR STAFF 2020

Principal		Kirsty Trahar
Deputy Principal		Sharon Day
Senior Leader		Daniel Castle
Student Wellbeing Leader		Lia Jordan
Aboriginal Education Teacher		Katherine Bundy
Teacher Librarian		Suzanne Harding
Permanent Relief Teacher		Lorraine Cox
Room	Year Level	
A1	Foundation	Sue Wilson
A2	Foundation	Amy Pitkin / Karen Fox
A3	Foundation / Year 1	Melissa McCracken
A4	Foundation / Year 1	Deanne Spencer
		Hannah Treacey
A1, A4, 4	Foundation/Yr 1, Yr 1/2	Maddy Teakle
A5	Science	Sally Strachan
1	Japanese	Amber Deppeler
2	Japanese	Damon Sexton
3	PE	Sonya Jolly
4	Year 1/2	Lydia Huitema
5	Year 1/2	Rose Cooper
		Daniel Castle
6	Year 1/2	Trudi Dew
T1	Year 3/4	Kate Eldridge
T2	Year 2/3	Shelley Boylan
T3	Year 2/3	Naomi Aston
		Hannah Treacey
T5	Year 3/4	Katelyn Squire
T6	Yr 2/3	Michelle Schulz
8	Music / Drama	Chris Long
9	Year 5	Carrie Bisnov
10	Year 4/5	Karen Mitchell
		Daniel Castle
11	Yr 4/5	Paul Bigg
12	Health / PE	Conor Wingard
N1	Year 5/6	Chloe Watson
N2	Year 5/6	Laura Dempsey
N3	Yr 6/7	Andrew McGregor
N4	Yr 6/7	Vanessa McLean
N5	Yr 6/7	Erin Munday
		Daniel Castle
N6	Yr 6/7	Helen Widdison
		Stacey Tilley
N7	Health / PE	Sallyanne Morgan
SSO	Bronwyn Waters (front office administration)	Elaine Hart (garden specialist)
	Samantha Clarke (front office administration)	Shane Lewis (student support)
	Julie McKinnon (finance officer)	Clinton Meyer (IT support)
	Evelyn Stratman (student support)	Jill Lewis (student support)
	Sue Moelder (resource centre)	Shiloh Fennell (student support)
	Nicole Thompson (resource centre)	Sonya Shepherd (student support)
	Jan Boyanton (student support)	Leigh Symons (student support)
	Anna Doll (student support)	Samantha Blackall (student support)
	Connie Nieto (student support)	Katherine Schofield (student support)
	Michael Stojanovich (student support)	
Aboriginal Communities Education Officer		Bernie Manser
Student Welfare Worker		Robyn Howard
Canteen		Michelle Clark
Grounds		Anthony Ingram
Grounds Trainee		Riley Rolph



MCDONALD PARK SCHOOL - TERM 1 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	27/01 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	28/01	29/01	30/01 Newsletter	31/01
WEEK 2	03/02	04/02	05/02	06/02	07/02 Assembly 9.00am
WEEK 3	10/02	11/02 Basketball clinics (TBC)	12/02	13/02 Newsletter	14/02 PUPIL FREE DAY
WEEK 4	17/02	18/02	19/02 Acquaintance night 5.30pm to 6.30pm Governing Council AGM 7.00pm	20/02	21/02 Assembly 9.00am
WEEK 5	24/02 Year 7 camps	25/02	26/02	27/02 Newsletter	28/02
WEEK 6	02/03	03/03	04/03	05/03	06/03 Assembly 9.00am
WEEK 7	09/03 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	10/03 Hockey clinics (TBC)	11/03 Hockey clinics (TBC)	12/03 Newsletter	13/03 Hockey clinics (TBC)
WEEK 8	16/03	17/03	18/03	19/03	20/03 Harmony Day Assembly 9.00am
WEEK 9	23/03	24/03 Governing Council Meeting	25/03	26/03 Newsletter	27/03 Bike Education
WEEK 10	30/03	31/03	01/04	02/04	03/04 Family Fun Day Assembly 9.00am
WEEK 11	06/04	07/04 Bike Education	08/04 Bike Education	09/04 Bike Education Newsletter EARLY DISMISSAL 2.15pm	10/04 PUBLIC HOLIDAY