

McDonald Park School

NEWSLETTER

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GENEROSITY - RESPECT - HONESTY - LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER

COMING EVENTS

TERM 2, WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3
27/04 First day of term two		

TERM ONE 2020 - A TERM LIKE NO OTHER!

This newsletter marks the end of a term that we could never ever foresee happening. We have all survived and planning to move into the future.

As always the professionalism and ingenuity of the staff at McDonald Park School continues to impress. Staff have adapted quickly to ever changing conditions and continued to keep student learning at the forefront.

We thank the parent community for their support along the way. We will continue to work together to ensure that disruption to students is minimised.

We will continue to be guided by the advice that is provided to us by Health SA and the Department for Education. This may change quite quickly, depending on the situation.

Parents can expect that Seesaw and Facebook will be the main sources of communication. A survey has been sent out to determine accessibility of devices, internet availability and your intentions for the beginning of next term. Please respond promptly and as accurately as possible so that planning can continue with a degree of accuracy.

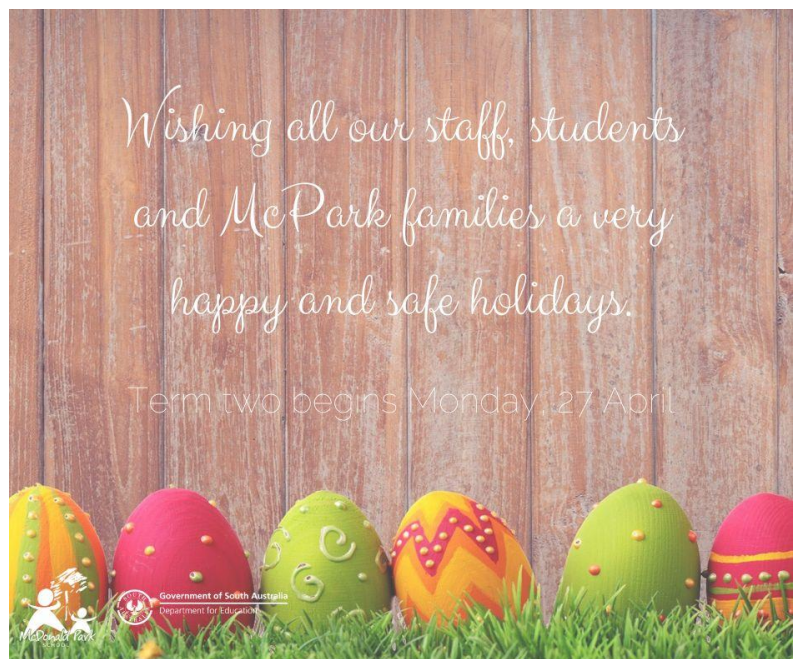
Families can expect to receive additional information about online protocols and what learning may look like moving forward. As you are aware, teachers are planning for learning to be in an online platform. This will mean that learning can be accessed in alternate ways - at home and at school. Not all learning will occur on a device, however instructions for the learning may be accessed this way.

Term two will hold an increased level of accountability for students to be engaging in the learning that is provided. We will be developing processes to ensure that all students have access and are participating. Families can expect that school personnel will follow up learning and absences. Please continue to communicate with your child's teacher. Be aware that teachers are encouraged to maintain regular working hours and not respond to messages and requests at all hours.

We anticipate ongoing challenges to be presented and will continue to work in the best interest of students at McPark.

We wish you all a very happy and **safe** Easter. Please enjoy quality time with your families.

Kirsty Trahar, Sharon Day, Daniel Castle, Lia Jordan
Senior Staff





Dear parents and caregivers,

COVID-19 has thrown up all kinds of challenges for us, as individuals, families and communities.

We're proud to say our teachers and support staff have risen to the occasion. Despite anxieties they might have as members of the community, they are putting their students' continued learning at the forefront.

Schools and preschools are an essential service. Public health advice from the senior experts around Australia remains that they can and should stay open.

We will continue to be guided by the health advice, and their recommendations on social distancing and hygiene practices in our classrooms and play spaces. The safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and school community is a top priority as we continue to deliver high quality learning.

While many are staying home to help stop the spread of COVID-19, we won't be standing still.

Continuing the learning for our children and young people in this state remains our core focus. Teachers, early childhood educators, principals and department staff are ever-evolving our offerings to support families and carers in these unprecedented times.

Last week we launched Our Learning SA, a website storing hundreds of teaching resources to help children and young people keep up with their learning when they're at home. Included are links to ABC TV programs that are of high quality and can also support student learning. It'll only continue to grow, so please check it out at www.ourlearning.sa.edu.au.

We've also created an advice for families section on the website, which has videos and fact sheets for students and families, including:

- Setting up a learning environment
- Staying happy and healthy while learning at home
- Reading at home with your child
- Preparing for online learning
- Talking to your child about COVID-19

Schools and preschools are at different stages in implementing distance learning arrangements. In addition, we know not every child has a computer at home, or the

This week, during four pupil free days, our teachers are taking at home learning to the next level.

We're making virtual classrooms available for every teacher, and investigating ways to get kids without a computer or internet connected with their class. This goes hand in hand with the hardcopy resources teachers have been busy preparing for students who need them.

We're continually impressed with how our staff and teachers are collaborating to prepare for term 2. We're all in this together.

Please work with your child's teacher if you need any extra support or have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Hon John Gardner MP
Minister for Education

7 April 2020

Rick Persse
Chief Executive

7 April 2020

Thank you!

Unfortunately we have cancelled the Family Fun Day but we would still like to thank the following businesses for their support.

Van Schaik Bio Gro	Margaret Street Meats
Vintage Rose Photobooth	MM Electrical Wholesalers
Terry White Pharmacy	Tea Trend
Ashmore Palms Holiday Village	Soap by Sandy
BWS	Kaboom Bowling
Kaisercraft	Nutrien Ag
Chicken Boss	Water Dynamics
All Stars Pizza	Oatmill Cinema Complex
Majella Wines	Caffe Belgiorno
Nina Michielan	McDonalds Mount Gambier
Henri Post Jewellers	Seas the Moment
Dan Murphy's	Banner Mitre 10
DJ Interiors	Woolworths Mount Gambier
Baker's Delight	House
Star Chemist	Telstra Mount Gambier
25 Acres	Thats Yarni's
Canopy Interiors	



RESOURCE CENTRE

Students do not need to return current library books until their next book sharing / library connection lesson.

BOOK WEEK

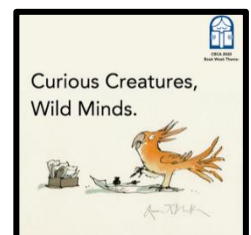
Curious Creatures, Wild Minds

Book Week 2020 will be postponed until term four, at a date to be announced.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Keep reading through the holidays and fill out your Premier's Reading Challenge forms. Next term, finished forms can be placed in the letter box at school, brought to the resource centre or emailed to dl.1021_info@schools.sa.edu.au.

Visit <http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/prc/pages/home> for more information.



Happy reading during the holidays!

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

SCHOOL T-BALL

McPark entered two teams into the Friday night t-ball competition. Unfortunately the season had to finish early and we were unable to compete against all teams. A big thank you goes out to the parents who managed the teams and brought the equipment out each week.



Michelle Schulz and Chloe Watson

You need to get to the pillow before the ball gets there otherwise you are out. There are three bases and it was at Blue Lake Sports Park on Fridays from 5.00pm to 6.00pm.

Jaymon R and Charlie S

VISION AWARDS TERM 1, WEEK 10

Our awards are centred on our school vision. Students will be recognised for their collaboration, respect, engagement, problem solving or progress (thriving).

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COLLABORATION

Presented to	By	For
Lucas M	Miss Eldridge	Being thoughtful and considerate and helping others with their learning.
Ella D	Mrs Aston & Miss Treacey	Thriving in her classroom learning and always working collaboratively with her peers.
Tylah H-W	Mr McGregor	Helping others by making sure that they understand all tasks!

RESPECT

Presented to	By	For
Logan W	Mrs McLean	Displaying enormous respect towards himself as a learner and our learning community.

THRIVING

Presented to	By	For
Hannah B	Ms Boylan	Writing responses in full detailed sentences, always taking pride in her work and for demonstrating respect in class.
William D	Mrs Aston & Miss Treacey	Settling into classroom routines and stretching his learning in MultiLit.
Phoebe B	Miss Squire	Always putting effort in to all tasks and competing them to a very high standard.
Beau M	Miss Squire	Approaching his learning with positivity and a growth mindset, particularly in maths.
Swaye L	Miss Watson	Seeking feedback in all areas in order to improve her learning.

VISION AWARDS TERM 1, WEEK 10 cont.

THRIVING cont.

Madden M	Mr McGregor	Amazing example for all students in every area.
Shane D	Ms Munday & Mr Castle	A positive attitude and friendly demeanour in the class and yard.

ENGAGEMENT

Presented to	By	For
Mia R	Miss Eldridge	Approaching her home learning with dedication and enthusiasm.
Issac N	Ms Boylan	Showing enthusiasm and organisation during measurement lessons, and wanting to further extend himself,
Bodey M	Miss Schulz	Consistently engaging in his online learning activities at home.
Dakota H	Miss Schulz	Enthusiastically completing her Premier's Reading Challenge.
Kayla M	Mrs Dempsey	Engaging in all areas of the curriculum and taking on all feedback, making her a self motivated learner.
Jasmine M	Mrs McLean	Outstanding commitment to her learning and our school community.
Bane L	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	Continued enthusiasm and effort in all areas of learning and inspiring this in others.
Ella O	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	Offering well thought out, reflective and interesting contributions to class discussions.

PROBLEM SOLVING

Presented to	By	For
Baillie W	Ms Munday & Mr Castle	Focusing on tasks and working hard to solve problems and make progress with her learning.

Bread Tag COLLECTION

As you may know, rooms T5 and T6 are asking families to collect bread tags to support 'Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs'. This organisation sells bread tags collected to recycling businesses. The money received is given to organisations in Africa who provide wheelchairs to those who need them.

Please bring your bread tags to rooms T5, T6, resource centre, N3 or the annexe whenever you wish. Bread tags can be found on bread, muffin, rice cake, hot cross bun packaging.

This will be an ongoing project for our school and we appreciate your support.