

# McDonald Park School

## NEWSLETTER

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**GENEROSITY - RESPECT - HONESTY - LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER**

### COMING EVENTS

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| <b>WEEK 10</b> | <b>WEEK 11</b><br><b>09/04 Last day of term one</b><br><b>Early dismissal 2.15pm</b> | <b>TERM 2, WEEK 1</b><br><b>27/04 First day of term two</b> |
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### COVID-19 - THE IMPACT AND WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MCPARK

We are aware that these are unprecedented times and what we believe to be the current information at any given time may change extremely quickly. Thank you to everyone for your support and willingness to follow recommendations as they occur. We will continue to implement recommendations from the government, Health SA and Department for Education and will continue to keep you informed. Please check our Facebook page and your child's Seesaw for up to date information.

McDonald Park School is open and learning continues to be our priority. The government is planning to keep schools open as an essential service. We believe that it is very important that we maintain as much routine as we can for our students who are no doubt feeling very uncertain. If you choose to keep your child home that is your choice and we recognise this choice, please let us know if this is your intention.

Currently teachers have planned for classes as a whole group, anticipating that the delivery will be to the group. Group work and discussion is a large part of the learning that occurs in class as students listen to other ideas, question and adjust their own thinking. Practical hands on activities also structure part of the day as well. Some of these activities do not relate as easily to electronic explanation. It is anticipated that learning will occur electronically. For some students, this is already the case. We are preparing to ensure that learning will continue if there comes a time that schools are not open. We will utilise Seesaw as the platform to share and receive student learning. Class QR codes and explanations have been sent home separately with each student. Accessing this code will ensure that students are able to engage with their class teacher, to give and receive information. We are currently exploring options to ensure that the learning of the specialist subjects can be delivered electronically also.

Classes are encouraging and teaching students the importance of hand washing, in particular the importance of washing hands for 20 seconds. Soap is available to all students, in bathrooms or immediately outside them and at sinks in common areas. Classes are developing their own routines to reinforce this.

Additional cleaning of table tops, door handles, computer keyboards / mouse, light switches and other surfaces is occurring on a daily basis by cleaning and school staff.

We are encouraging social distancing guidelines as much as we possibly can within a school situation. We request that parents are also mindful of this and not gather in classrooms or close groups. We regret that consequently listening to reading will be on hold until further notice.

As you would already be aware, Family Fun Day and all extra curricula activities have been cancelled as a result of the advice received.

We request that students who are not well, including a high temperature, are kept home. If concerned we will ask that they are collected until they are feeling better.

Three way conferences will continue to be held this week at scheduled times but will be conducted over the phone rather than a face to face meeting.

We thank you for your co-operation and support as we work together as a community to slow the spread. As things continue to change quickly we appreciate your flexibility and adaptability to meet what is being asked. Stay well!

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

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## RIDE2SCHOOL DAY



Wow! What an amazing turnout we had for Ride2School Day 2020 on a beautiful Mount Gambier morning, Friday, 13 March. Over 100 students got out their wheels to hit the pavement in the nationwide event. Wheels took many forms, from mountain and BMX bikes, to scooters and skateboards. National Ride2School Day is the perfect opportunity to kick start new healthy habits and promote the many benefits of active travel. Thank you to Sallyanne Morgan for organising and to staff and parents who joined the ride or helped along the way.



## GOVERNING COUNCIL

Thank you to those parents who attended the annual general meeting held on Wednesday, 19 February 2020.

Governing Council members for 2020:

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| <b>Chairperson:</b>      | Dan Dowdell  |
| <b>Vice Chairperson:</b> | Damian Buckley   |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>        | Kelly Albanese   |
| <b>Secretary:</b>        | Megan Medhurst   |
| <b>Members:</b>          | Belinda Williamson<br>Nathan Stratford<br>Jess Fullerton<br>Martin Farmilo<br>Scott Maxwell<br>Talia Birks<br>Andrea Lambert<br>Laura Heesemans<br>Sally Bailey<br>Jacinta Greeves |

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| <b>Staff Representatives:</b> | Kirsty Trahar<br>Sharon Day<br>Daniel Castle<br>Lia Jordan<br>Andrew McGregor (terms 1 & 2)<br>Erin Munday (terms 3 & 4) |
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It is important to acknowledge retiring councillors, Lauren Stafford and Samantha Brierley, who have given up their time to support our wonderful school. Thank you.

# Thank you!

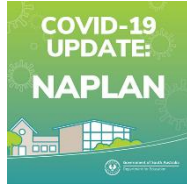
**Unfortunately we have cancelled the Family Fun Day but we would still like to thank the following businesses for their support.**

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| Van Schaik Bio Gro            | Margaret Street Meats     |
| Vintage Rose Photobooth       | MM Electrical Wholesalers |
| Terry White Pharmacy          | Tea Trent                 |
| 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 Michielen                | 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              |                           |



## NAPLAN

NAPLAN will be cancelled for 2020 so school leaders, teachers and support staff can focus on the wellbeing of students and prepare for the continuity of education.



## RESOURCE CENTRE

Rooms T5 and T6 are asking for your help in collecting bread tags. In resource based learning, with Mrs Harding, we have been investigating 'Aussie bread tags for wheelchairs', explained below. This is a wonderful way to teach people about environmental waste, people in need and kindness.

[www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za/](http://www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za/)

Hi!



We are collecting bread tags for the 'Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs' organisation. Could you please collect as many tags as you can?

We are collecting bread tags to provide people in South Africa with wheelchairs. We have collection jars in rooms T5, T6, N3, the annexe and the resource centre.

Once we have a collection, rooms T5 and T6 will take the bread tags to St Martins Lutheran College who will send them to Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs in Adelaide who will sell them to 'Transmutations' in Robe for money, the money will be sent to South Africa where pharmacies will buy wheelchairs for those who need them.

This will make a difference to their lives and the environment. Simply because you collected bread tags rather than put them into landfill. Bread tags can be found on bread, muffin, hot cross bun, rice cake and many more product packaging.

Thank you for your support.

From rooms T5 and T6 and Mrs Harding

### **PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE**

Your child / children should have brought home their Premier's Reading Challenge form, unless they are being completed in class. Students have until 4 September to finish the challenge of reading 12 books. These can be any good book from home, school or elsewhere. We encourage students to vary the books they record, rather than choose several books from the same author or series. The aim of the challenge is to read widely. Students will write their name on a token upon finishing and will receive a certificate / medal in November. Please see class teacher or library staff if you have any questions. Thank you for supporting your child in this wonderful journey of reading!

### **BOOK SHARING / LIBRARY CONNECTION**

Students have a weekly borrowing session in the resource centre. They are expected to borrow and return books each week. Please support them with this and take note of their library day. They are disappointed when they cannot borrow due to leaving books at home. Library bags are also encouraged. Many thanks for your support. You are welcome to visit our resource centre at any time!

## VISION AWARDS TERM 1, WEEK 8

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

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

### COLLABORATION

| Presented to | By                  | For   |
|--------------|---------------------|---|
| Fletcher d V | Mrs Fox & Ms Bundy  | Showing kindness towards others and working collaboratively during maths rotations. |
| Harper L     | Mr Castle & Ms Otta | Collaborating with her peers when programming Beebots.                              |

### RESPECT

| Presented to | By                       | For   |
|--------------|--------------------------|---|
| Hannah M     | Mrs Wilson & Miss Teakle | Hannah is able to work with all her classmates in a kind and co-operative manner. |
| Adam T       | Ms Mitchell & Mr Long    | Respecting everyone in the school community by listening and being inclusive.     |
| Kane G       | Ms Mitchell & Mr Long    | The amazing way he approaches his school life. He is kind and polite to everyone. |
| Caleb M      | Mr Bigg                  | Being friendly and polite to all people he works with.                            |

### THRIVING

| Presented to | By                                      | For   |
|--------------|---|---|
| Lara B       | Mrs McCracken & Miss Cameron            | Stretching her thinking when using number strategies to represent numbers to 100.                           |
| James C      | Mrs McCracken & Miss Cameron            | Showing determination, resilience and pride when correcting his pencil grip.                                |
| Delilah S    | Mrs Spencer & Miss Teakle               | Recognising her letters, saying the sounds and making words.  |
| Jonti P      | Miss Treacey, Mrs Spencer & Miss Teakle | Confidently using more sign language in the classroom.  |
| Judd C       | Ms Huitema & Miss Teakle                | Always working to the best of his ability.  |
| Skye M       | Mrs Bisnov                              | Adding conjunctions to build complex sentences in her writing.  |
| Ethan H      | Mrs Bisnov                              | Adding adjectives, descriptive verbs, precise nouns and adverbs in her writing to make it more descriptive. |
| Lucy E       | Mr Bigg                                 | Putting a great effort into all of her work, especially maths.  |

### PROBLEM SOLVING

| Presented to | By                    | For  |
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| Austen G     | Mr Castle & Miss Otta | Problem solving when creating his maze for his Beebot project. |

## VISION AWARDS TERM 1, WEEK 8

### ENGAGEMENT

| Presented to | By                       | For   |
|--------------|--------------------------|---|
| Dominic A    | Mrs Wilson & Miss Teakle | Dominic is always ready for learning. He is patient and co-operative with his classmates. |
| Storm A      | Mrs Fox & Ms Bundy       | Engaging in all learning tasks, demonstrating organisation and eagerness to learn.        |
| Amelia K     | Ms Huitema & Miss Teakle | Being totally committed to all learning tasks.  |
| Zac H        | Mrs Dew                  | The interest that he shows in wildlife, especially skinks.                                |
| Maddison R   | Mrs Dew                  | The effort that she puts into her visual arts task.                                       |

## SAPSASA



### CRICKET

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, I went to Adelaide for SAPSASA cricket. It was fun to play so many cricket games after the season has finished. On Monday we played Barossa, I played well but we lost. On the second day we played Southern Fleurieu Peninsula, we beat them by 130 runs and bowled them before the half time break in their innings. I got three wickets for one run and we played the best that day out of all the days. On the third day we played Gawler, they were the top team at the time, but we beat them by 40 runs and finished top on the fourth day which was the last day. We played the grand final and we bowled great and batted well, we won and we got a medal for winning.

**Noah M, N4**

On Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, my mum drove me up to Adelaide for SAPSASA cricket. On Monday we played against Barossa and Light and we lost by 29. On Tuesday we played Southern Fleurieu and won and I got my first wicket. On Wednesday we won again against Gawler and then on Thursday we were in the grand final against the Mid South East and we won.

**Rhys G, N5**

## SAPSASA

### Cricket

My mum and I travelled up to Adelaide on Sunday for SAPSASA cricket. Every day we meet at different ovals and played different teams. Day one we met at Regency Park, day two at Urrbrae, day three at Rosewater. Each day we flipped a coin to see who batted or bowled. First we all got to bat and we all got to bowl. When we bowled we had a bowling partner. Game one we lost, day two and three we won. Wednesday night we all met up at the beach for tea and all of the boys went for a swim. The coach informed the team from the results we officially finished top of the division two, pool B, which meant that we played the division two, pool A winner in the grand final on Thursday. This was the Mid South East team. Thursday morning we met at Urrbrae to play in the final against Mid South East. They chose to bat first so we had to field first, our fielding was tight and our bowling was good. When it came to batting we started with our two best batters. One of them got out for a duck and then the third batter came in and they both made 40 runs and then they had to retire. We had to make 17 runs of 20 overs and we made that to win the grand final.

**Noah G, N6**

### TENNIS

In week eight of term one I went to Adelaide for SAPSASA tennis to represent the Lower South East. As my team was in division one, it was a huge challenge for my team. I played number one and two for my team and was lucky to get a few wins and I really enjoyed the



challenge. We were the only country team in division one, the rest were city teams. My tennis really improved over the week and I am really proud of my performance in Adelaide. I was also lucky enough to play with my whole team from Uniting Church Tennis Club.

**Jace M, N6**

In term one, week eight, I was lucky enough to be selected for the Mid South East team for SAPSASA tennis in Adelaide. I had a great week, I played a lot of tennis, won most of my matches and made lots of new friends. Our team finished fourth. It was a great experience.

**Ruby B, N3**

