

McDonald Park School

NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

Friday, 11 December 2020

Early dismissal - 2.15pm

2021 SCHOOL STARTS

Wednesday, 27 January 2021

TERM DATES

Term 1 - 27/01/21 to 09/04/21

Term 2 - 27/04/21 to 02/07/21

Term 3 - 19/07/21 to 24/09/21

Term 4 - 11/10/21 to 10/12/21



Dear Parents and Caregivers

We have come to the end of another busy year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their generosity and support during 2020. We have actively been working together as a community to live our school vision of developing respectful, thriving and engaged problem solvers. This year more than ever we have needed to work collaboratively and we are proud to be a part of a community that has supported us during such a challenging year.

Farewell to our year seven students, who have had a successful year. We wish them well for the future, along with all our other students and families who are leaving us. We trust that they leave with fond memories of McDonald Park School.

We say goodbye to Shelley Boylan, Maddy Teakle and Menaka Thorogood and wish them all the best.

We wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas break and look forward to seeing our students back here on Wednesday, 27 January 2021.

Kirsty Sharon Daniel Lia



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GRADUATION AWARD WINNERS

The year seven graduation was a little different last night due to COVID-19 restrictions and was held in the school gym. It was a wonderful night, giving students the opportunity to celebrate their time at McDonald Park and celebrate their graduation from primary school to high school. Congratulations to the following students who received awards:

Best All Round Year 7 Girl

sponsored by the Mount Gambier Lions Club

Zoey Norman

Best All Round Year 7 Boy

Sponsored by the Mount Gambier Lions Club

Noah Maxwell

Academic Excellence

sponsored by Collins Booksellers

Carla Burns

Felicity Kelly

Madden Mashado

Vaughn Stratford

Community Award

sponsored by McDonald Park School Governing Council

Jasmine Morgan

Tex Tilley

Humanity Award

sponsored by Nickson Farms

Zoey Norman

Bryce Ferrari

Continuous Improvement Award

sponsored by Bendigo Bank

Yasmine Congdon

Jace Maxwell

Savana Noonan

Riley Pannach

School Pride Award

sponsored by Green Triangle Electronics

Lacey Jack

Imogen McGregor

Zoe Mashado

Lucas Miatke

Japanese Academic Excellence Award

sponsored by The Telstra Store Mount Gambier

Harmony Cawthorne

Jace Maxwell

Sports Award

sponsored by Hughes and Loveday

Georgia Gentile

Noah Maxwell

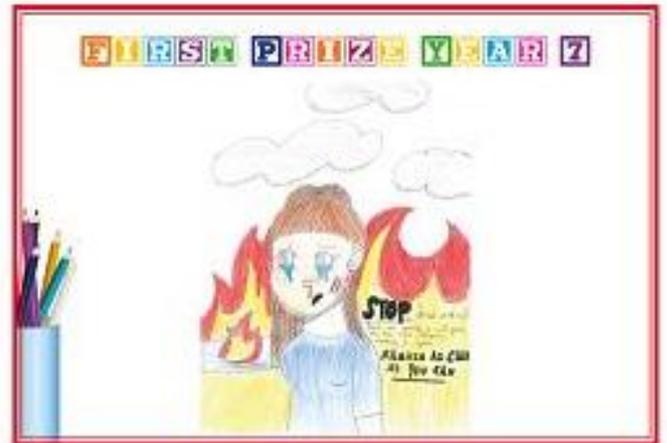
MFS FIRE SAFETY POSTER COMPETITION

During term two Mrs Morgan's classes learnt about fire safety during health lessons. As a part of this students were to design a poster focussing on the 'stop, drop and roll' technique. We entered the posters into the annual 'school for safety program competition'. The quality of the posters and the level of understanding shown was of a high standard.

Mia C won first prize for the year seven category, with a poster that clearly conveyed the fire safety message.

Merit awards went to year sevens, Ella, Amelia, Cassidy and Trinity. Year sixes were Eric, Victoria, Aden, Maya, Anikka and Lilyanna. Year fives were Lexi and Jack.

The winning and merit award entries will be on display in MFS Fire Stations around South Australia. Winning entries will be uploaded to the MFS website.



Scroll to the bottom of the page to see all the winning entries

http://www.mfs.sa.gov.au/site/community_safety/teachers_resources.jsp



STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN



2020 has been a very different year for all of us. Something that doesn't change is nature. It is always the same, and the lessons we can learn from nature are numerous. The seasons are always constant. They always come at the right time, not by our calendar but the right time. Nature doesn't struggle or strive to make things happen, it's always at the right time that it becomes what it must. We have had a great year in the school garden and I feel very privileged to be a part of it.

Students in garden classes this year have learnt about parts of a plant, parts of a leaf and parts of a flower. They have looked closely at the role each part plays in the life of a plant. They have also done lessons in Farm to Fork. This lesson has made students aware of how much we rely on farmers for our food, fibre and timber. We looked at what it takes a farmer to grow, harvest, transport and find markets for their produce to finally get to our plates. It was interesting to find out how much is produced in the Limestone Coast area.

Some classes throughout the year were given specific areas to redevelop. This entailed groups to follow a design brief and come up with ideas on what to do in the area and how they would go about it. Some requirements were low costing, low maintenance and the need to complement existing gardens around it.

The final designs included rock ponds, bird feeders / nesting boxes, seating and planting. Students had hands on experience with tools and the processes that building seats and bird feeders required. Thank you to Geoff Hart who came in to help on those days.



Other areas that are in the process of being redeveloped will be continued in 2021. Room 12 are creating garden art with old bike rims and room 11 are cleaning up the pond area to give it a makeover. Room T1 have done a great job in looking after the chickens.

To finish the year, some classes focussed on propagation. They planted for our summer garden so that kitchen classes in term one 2021 will have lots of fresh produce to use in their cooking.

I would like to thank Ann Dohnt for her help in the garden over the last year and a half. She has been a great help in keeping the garden looking good. All the very best to you as you move forward. Thank you also to Anthony and Riley for their contribution to the garden by removing green waste and keeping the weeds under control.

Thank you to all the garden classes in 2020. Thank you to those classes who use the garden as part of their class learning, it is such a wonderful tool to use and can be connected and complemented with the lessons learnt in the classroom.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday. I look forward to seeing you all next year.

Elaine Hart
Garden Specialist



VISION AWARDS TERM 4, WEEK 9

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
Charlie S	Miss Schulz	Working collaboratively with his peers to create an arcade game in design and technology.
Georgia L	Miss Watson	Working collaboratively with all members of the class.
Lilly T	Mrs Dempsey	Always helping her peers with their learning and having a mature approach to group work.
Chris H	Mr McGregor	Always being willing to share ideas and keep the class amused.
Alexis M	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	Showing leadership and supporting her peers during group tasks.

THRIVING

Presented to	By	For
Natalia G	Miss Eldridge	Working hard in all areas of study, consistently striving to do her best.
Will S	Miss Eldridge	Making excellent improvement in all areas of study with his improved effort and engagement.
Dakota R	Ms Boylan & Miss Thorogood	Making three years growth in spelling.
Jett S	Ms Boylan & Miss Thorogood	Making two and a half years growth in spelling.
Rikku D-W	Ms Hutchinson & Miss Treacey	Making a huge improvement in her reading.
Ruby C	Ms Hutchinson & Miss Treacey	Taking opportunities to challenge herself more often.
Ariana E	Miss Squire	Consistently demonstrating a high level of academic achievement, engagement in learning and exemplary behaviour all year.
Josh H	Miss Squire	Consistently demonstrating a high level of academic achievement, engagement in learning and exemplary behaviour all year.
Ruby B	Mr McGregor	Putting in effort to complete her science separation project to a high standard.
Haylay P	Mrs McLean	Persisting and getting all work tasks done and for always being a friendly positive class member.
Riley H	Ms Munday & Mr Castle	Maintaining his high work ethic throughout 2020.

VISION AWARDS TERM 4, WEEK 9 cont.

ENGAGEMENT

Presented to	By	For
Bailee R	Miss Schulz	Engaging positively in all learning areas throughout the year.
Mikailey M	Miss Watson	Being invested in all learning activities and taking on feedback.
Trai H	Mrs Dempsey	Engaging in all subjects this term and trying really hard to be successful at school. What a great year!
Joel W	Mrs McLean	Sustaining a consistent work ethic over the year and being a positive role model within our community.

PROBLEM SOLVING

Presented to	By	For
Harmony C	Ms Munday & Mr Castle	Always happy to problem solve and consider a range of solutions.
Lily M	Mrs Widdison & Mrs Tilley	Approaching learning with effort and striving for improvement.

