

McDonald Park School

NEWSLETTER

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GENEROSITY - RESPECT - HONESTY - LEARNING AND GROWING TOGETHER

COMING EVENTS

WEEK 4	WEEK 5	WEEK 6
17/02 Acquaintance Night / Governing Council AGM 19/02 District Swimming Carnival	25/02 Newsletter	02/03 Noorla Yo Long excursion

INCREASING CLARITY TO MAKE LEARNING CLEAR

Last year we began our journey towards making the process of learning clear and known to all within our school community. Throughout 2021 we will be continuing this journey with a particular focus on our learning assets and teacher clarity.

Teachers can make the learning clear in many ways including planning quality tasks at an appropriate level of challenge and provide a variety of ways for students to demonstrate progress and learning. When students have a really clear understanding of what they are learning, why they are learning and how they will know that they have learnt it learning is accelerated. This will mean that there will be an increased focus on the learning goals and intentions, as well as the success criteria rather than a focus on the task. Research has found that if teacher clarity is strong it can effectively double the learning in a given year.

At home you might like to focus on asking the following questions to strengthen learning.

What are you learning? (Break it down into subjects or utilise the communication that is coming home from your child's class about their themes and topics)

Why are you learning that? Why is it important to learn that?

How will you know that you have learnt or mastered that? (Students may be familiar with the term success criteria in which they will be able to describe what they can do if the learning is successful.)

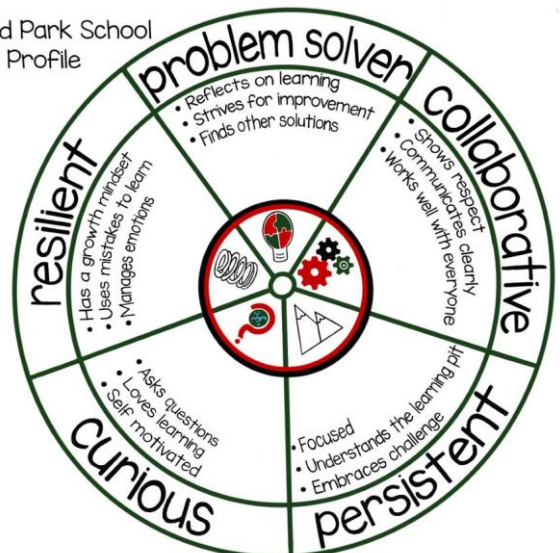
Learner assets have explicitly been taught since students have returned to school and will have an ongoing focus as the best learners display the following assets

- Problem solver
- Collaborative
- Persistent
- Curious
- Resilient

These learning assets combined become the profile of a McDonald Park learner. It is our aim that all students are familiar with these assets and can describe themselves within each asset and can talk about how they are working to improve them further. Classes have completed some great learning in this space over the past few weeks. Please ask your child to talk about the learner profile and the specific assets.

Kirsty Hill, Sharon Day, Daniel Castle, Lia Jordan
SENIOR STAFF

McDonald Park School
Learner Profile



ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT / GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM



We are very proud of our school and the fantastic programs and facilities that we offer. We welcome parents to make connections with the school, depending on COVID restrictions. We invite families who do not already know class teacher(s) to come along to our **acquaintance night** on **Wednesday, 17 February** between **5.30pm to 6.30pm**. This is a great opportunity to take a closer look in classes and meet your child(ren)'s teacher(s). Numbers of adults in the classroom will be limited. **Governing Council AGM at 6.45pm in the staffroom**. We hope to see you there.

Governing

Council

AGM

Wednesday, 17 February
6.45pm



COVID QR SCANNING

ALL adults coming on site will need to register their presence.

QR codes are placed in each classroom and building. Please help us to meet our SA Health obligations.

If you do not have a smart phone please register at the front office.

If on site for longer than a 10 minute period for pick up / drop off please sign in at the front office for school's records of who is on site.

Thank you in anticipation.

MATERIALS AND SERVICES 2021

Reminder: School fees are due in full by 28 February unless paying in instalments or other arrangements have been made with Julie our finance officer.

Thank you to those parents who have paid or have made arrangements to pay their school fees for 2021.

School card applications also need to be forwarded to the school office promptly to be processed for 2021. These forms need to be completed each year and are available from the front office or online at www.sa.gov.au and search 'school card'.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries regarding materials and services charges or school card.

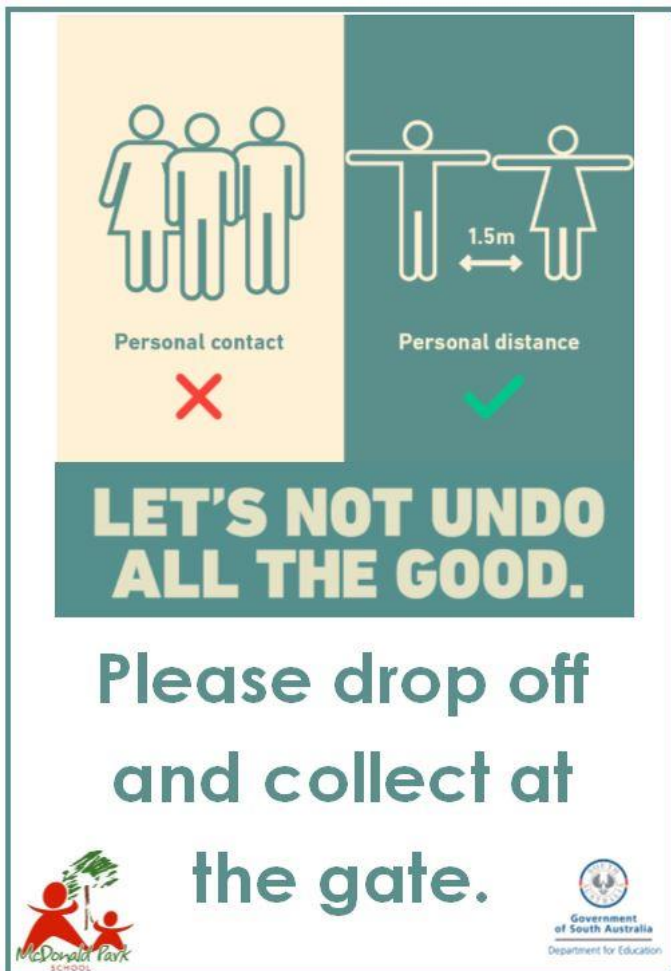
All fees to be finalised by the end of term one, unless prior arrangements have been agreed to. Debt collecting process will proceed after this date as per Department for Education policy.

STUDENT SUPPORT WORKER



Over the past few years we have been very fortunate to have been the recipient of a national funding program (the program originated from the National School Chaplaincy Program) that provides additional wellbeing support for our students. The role of the student support worker is self explanatory in its title and

does not have any affiliation with a specific religion. The program provides an additional person to support students with their learning in the classroom, their social skills, talking things through when students are feeling down or require some support to work through an emotional problem. We are fortunate to have Robyn Howard return to our site and she will be working on Fridays. Robyn works with students in the classrooms, supports in the yard at recess, implements social skills programs with small groups and will also meet students individually depending on the need identified by staff. We consider it an advantage to have an additional adult with Robyn's skills in our school and know that the students will benefit from her support. Please contact the school if you would like to request that your child is **not** supported by the student support worker.



Premier's Reading Challenge forms will be sent home during week five.



The Hon Steven Marshall MP
Premier of South Australia

TO: THE PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY

RE: PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Welcome back to a new school year and the 18th year of the Premier's Reading Challenge in South Australia. I am challenging South Australian students from Reception to Year 12 to read 12 books by 3 September 2021. The Premier's Reading Challenge continues, with 133,571 students from 706 schools completing the Challenge in 2020. Many students educated at home also took part in the Challenge.

Over 97 per cent of all South Australian schools had students completing the Challenge. This is an outstanding achievement and I thank you all for your time and efforts in supporting children and their families to complete the Challenge.

I congratulate all of these schools on their results.

The Challenge has been fortunate to have 22 high profile and enthusiastic ambassadors who inspire students to enjoy reading and achieve their goals. Adelaide United Football Club, Adelaide Lightning Basketball Club, Adelaide 36ers Basketball Club, Port Adelaide Football Club, Adelaide Football Club, Thunderbirds Netball Club and SA Scorpions have also thrown their support behind the Challenge and Premier's *be active* Challenge as joint ambassador teams.

The Premier's Reading Challenge continues to be an important initiative that supports the State Government's commitment to Literacy Guarantee for young South Australians and encourages them to enjoy reading.

All information about the Challenge is on the Premier's Reading Challenge website at <https://premierreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au>, phone (08) 8226 2006 or email prc@sa.gov.au. A school contact person is requested to coordinate your school's participation on behalf of all teachers, staff and students at your school.

I encourage all students to discover the world of reading with the Premier's Reading Challenge and keep up the momentum. I wish you every success in 2021.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Steven Marshall MP

PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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**MOUNT GAMBIER
HIGH SCHOOL**



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of South Australia
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Twilight Tours

Year 6 students
5.00pm, Monday 1 March and
6.30pm Tuesday 2 March 2021

Year 7 students
6.30pm, Monday 1 March and
5.00pm Tuesday 2 March 2021

Families of year 6/7 students wishing to explore enrolment opportunities at Mount Gambier High School for 2022 are invited to attend one of the above Twilight Tour sessions in the Mount Gambier High School gymnasium.

The evening will include:

- A presentation of the school's vision and values by the leadership team
- A tour of the school including curriculum information
- Questions and answers sessions

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we will require all families to register prior to the Twilight Tours. Please contact the school on 8721 0200 or via email dl.0784.info@schools.sa.edu.au to book in for your chosen session.

LEARNING | BELONGING | RESPONSIBILITY

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

LOWER SOUTH EAST SAPSASA 2021 DATES

Date	Term	Event
Fri, 19 Feb	1	District swimming day (Penola)
TBA	1	Football tryout day
TBA	1	Netball tryout day
Tues, 23 March*	1	District Athletics day (Mount Gambier High School)
Fri, 26 March	1	State swimming championships (Adelaide)
29-31 March	1	Softball state carnival (Adelaide)
Fri, 7 May	2	Regional cross country (Naracoorte)
31 May – 2 June	2	Year 6 football state carnival (Adelaide)
2-4 June	2	Year 7 football state carnival (Adelaide)
31 May – 2 June	2	Year 6 netball state carnival (Adelaide)
2-4 June	2	Year 7 netball state carnival (Adelaide)
Thurs, 10 June	2	State cross country championships (Adelaide)
TBA	2	Hockey tryout day (Blue Lake Sports Park)
TBA	2	Soccer try out day (Tenison College)
Fri, 6 Aug	3	District Basketball day (Mount Gambier)
9-11 Aug	3	Soccer state carnival (Adelaide)
9-11 Aug	3	Hockey state carnival (Adelaide)
Fri, 20 Aug	3	Regional basketball day (Mount Gambier)
TBA	3	Cricket tryout day
TBA	3	Tennis tryout day
Mon, 20 Sept	3	State athletics championships (Adelaide)
1-4 Nov	4	Cricket state carnival (Adelaide)
8-11 Nov	4	Tennis state carnival (Adelaide)

* The back up day in case of bad weather will be Wednesday, 24 March.

COMMUNITY NEWS

RESILIENT GIRLS BUSH CAMPS

A two day and night camping retreat for girls aged 10-12. Mentoring girls in their confidence through learning about self identity, wellbeing, their changing body and social world. Assisting mothers to best support and increase connection with their pre-teen girls.

12 – 14 March 2021 - Limestone Coast, SA

Location TBC, 30 minutes NW of Mount Gambier

Enquiries and bookings phone Louise 0431 396 878
www.littlebigbushcamps.com.au

Louise is a registered counsellor, outdoor educator and mother with 20 years' experience delivering nature based personal development programs with a generous heart. Join us in 2021 for more connection retreats for parents, daughters and sons 8-18 years old.



COMMUNITY NEWS

EAST GAMBIER JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Junior Football Registration Night

Thursday, 11 February 2021

East Gambier Junior Football welcomes all new and returning players to a registration night and coaching clinic with the East Gambier Senior Football group. Come along and register for the 2021 season



Junior football teams

Under 12E (players turning 8 in 2021)
 Under 12D (players turning 9 in 2021)
 Under 12C (players turning 10 in 2021)
 Under 12 B (players turning 11 in 2021)
 Under 12 A (players turning 12 in 2021)
 Under 14
 Under 16

Enquiries to Grant Spooner 0428 287 983

East Gambier Auskick will commence in term two. More information will be provided closer to the date.

INTERNATIONAL SOCCER CLUB

Casadio Park, Bay Road, Mount Gambier



Under 13 girls needed – born 2008 – 2013
 Training - Wednesdays, 5.30pm to 6.30pm

More information contact:
 Charli Hockey 0403 913 199
 April Hockey 0432 915 339

TECHNICS LEGO FAN CLUB

Mount Gambier Library
 Machine and mechanical challenges
 8 years and over
 Thursdays, 4.00pm to 5.00pm

CLASSIC LEGO FAN CLUB

Mount Gambier Library
 Challenges using classic bricks and Duplo provided for children 2 years and under
 Suitable for all ages
 Fun for the whole family
 Fridays, 4.00pm to 5.00pm

RESOURCE CENTRE VOLUNTEERS

We are seeking volunteers to help in our gorgeous resource centre. We require volunteers to help with re-shelving, simple library organisation and other tasks. We are a vibrant space with something new happening all the time. Please let us know if you can volunteer. We welcome parents, grandparents, and others. Volunteer requirements will need to be met. A COVID safety plan is in place also.

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I can volunteer in the resource centre.

Name: _____

Phone No: _____

I have a current working with children check: Yes / No

I have completed RAN training: Yes / No